

Nation Has Wartime Christmas

Quiet Holiday At White House, President's Four Sons Away At War

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Yuletide greetings from President Roosevelt will launch the nation today on a somber observance of another wartime Christmas as the thoughts of those at home turn to the million boys in fighting stations abroad and the millions of others in army and navy posts in the United States.

As with many another home, the four sons in the nation's first family were away at war. Only two of the 12 Roosevelt grandchildren came to the White House to share the president's Christmas.

The chief executive arranged to exchange traditional greetings with the White House staffs during the day, before broadcasting his Christmas message at the national tree ceremonies.

In keeping with the nation-wide effort to curtail the use of electricity, lights on the national tree—a tall spruce on the White House lawn—were omitted and the ceremony was advanced to daylight hours. Mistletoe, sprigs and other Christmas trinkets decorated some rooms of the White House, but there was a smaller tree than usual in the historic east room. The family tree was placed in the west hall.

First 1942 Holiday

As American troops pounded the Japanese in the mud of Pacific jungles and thrust at axis forces in the sands of North Africa, men in war plants at home looked forward to their first holiday of the year.

Complying with the wish of War Production Director Donald M. Nelson, work on tanks, guns and ships will cease tomorrow in most plants.

Because of the difference in time it was Christmas today in the Solomons and somewhere in the vicinity of embattled Henderson airfield, American troops took time out to eat a Christmas dinner of turkey, dispatched there weeks ago by the navy.

The boys overseas were assured of a visit from Santa. Through the Red Cross, boxes of stationery, cigarettes, candy and other tasty tidbits were sent for distribution to men on the fighting fronts. In England, American soldiers treated British children at parties, or frolicked at dances. Many expected to spend Christmas Day at British homes, taking along their day's rations to add to their hosts' restricted fare.

Good Dinner

The navy promised a spread of turkey, ham, potatoes, oyster cocktails, cranberry sauce and other trimmings for its officers and bluejackets. Nuts, candy and ice cream rounded out the menu. The army expected to do as well in "gaily decorated" mess halls with 5,000,000 pounds of turkey, and tons of potatoes, pies and other delicacies.

There was turkey, too, for the 1,500 Americans imprisoned by the Japs at Camp Usonang near Shanghai, the Red Cross reported. Supplies of food, clothing and medicines were enroute to other (Please Turn to Page 4, Column 4)

Hulen Mentioned For Judgeship

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—(P)—The star said today that the name of Ruben M. Hulen of Columbia is among the latest to bob into the new federal judgeship picture in Missouri.

The newspaper said that the Columbia attorney stood well with Senator Bennett Clark, whose campaigns for the senate were managed by Hulen. Hulen was chairman of the State Democratic committee in 1932.

Senator Harry S. Truman, home for the Christmas holidays, said that the naming of the new judge had not been discussed by him and Clark but that he expected to get together with the senior Missouri senator on the matter. Truman yesterday said he would urge the appointment of a judge from the western side of the state.

Bothwell Hospital Notes

William Stanley Grether, 806 East Fifth street, suffered slight burns on his face Wednesday evening, when some liquid in his car exploded. He was taken to the hospital where he spent the night, and was able to be taken to his home today.

The condition of J. B. "Doc" Greer, who has been seriously ill the past few days, remains unchanged today.

Clarence Tandy, 1017 South Massachusetts avenue, was dismissed.

Santa Claus Passes Out Treats This Morning



Crowded around Santa Claus (Hugo Sparr) are some of the nearly 1000 children who attended a party given by Sedalians at the Fox theatre this morning. They are receiving a word of greeting, and a treat of candy, nuts and an orange.

Picture Show And Treats For Children

Hundreds Attend Party Given By Sedalia Citizens

If there is any child in Sedalia who is not remembered with a treat this Christmas it is because the good citizens of Sedalia do not know of it.

Nine hundred ninety children attended the Christmas party given by the citizens this morning, sponsored and arranged through the Round Table Council of the Sedalia Chamber of Commerce. They had been given tickets to the affair through the Social Security office staff, members of which is familiar with home conditions of those who participated.

The children, ranging in age from about six through fourteen, with a few of pre-school age, assembled at the court house at 9:30 o'clock. At 10 o'clock the doors of the Fox theatre were opened to them, and here the theatre, Steve Soutter manager, had arranged an appropriate program. Two pictures were shown, "Down in San Diego" and a cartoon, "Ickle Meets Pickle."

Joined In Singing

The children joined in a community sing, led by Thomas Walch, and sang lustily, anticipating shortly after their treat from Santa Claus, in the person of Hugo Sparr, who always delights the children.

A. L. Pringle, a member of the city council, retired Missouri Pacific foreman, was master of ceremonies. He presented George H. Trader, chairman of the special Christmas Stocking committee, appointed by Charles Van Dyne, president of the Round Table Council. He also presented A. H. Wilks, mayor, J. V. Kesterson, and George M. Lane, county judges, and Fred Rose, Chief (Please Turn to Page 5, Column 3)

Contributions Total \$509.85

Contributions to the Christmas Stocking Fund reached a total of \$509.85 Thursday afternoon. This was the record for donations since the Christmas Fund was originated. Money so collected is used to finance the Children's Christmas party, sponsored by the Round Table Council of the Chamber of Commerce.

Amounts received since last report were from the following:

\$5.00 each—Sedalia Typographical Union No. 206; Sedalia Rotary club.

\$3.00—Mr. and Mrs. George W. Chambers.

\$2.00 each—Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Yankee, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dean.

\$1.50—Sandra McLaughlin.

\$1.00 each—Mrs. Chas. Graham, G. A. Sturges, Eugene Hugen-schmidt, Troop 3, Girl Scouts.

Katy Freight Train Derailed Near Jefferson City

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—(P)—Six cars of a Missouri-Kansas-Texas freight train were derailed today near Jefferson City, but the locomotive remained on the tracks and no one was injured.

A broken rail apparently caused the accident, the Katy's office here said.

Instructor To Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(P)—Sgt. Joe Louis, heavyweight boxing champion who is serving as a boxing instructor at Fort Riley, Kas., arrived yesterday to spend Christmas with his wife, Marva. The Louis' have a date with the stork and Mrs. Louis says it will be about Jan. 15.

President Gives Bonds To Staff

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(P)—President Roosevelt's Christmas greetings to the nation was broadcast today at 3 p. m., central war time.

The President distributed his Christmas presents this morning to members of his official staff. It was in each instance a leather bound case enclosing a war saving stamp folder with a 25-cent stamp to start off the collection.

The black case was embossed in gold:

"Christmas 1942 from F. D. R."

It was wrapped in white tissue paper and a red ribbon in the form of a "V" was tied around the gift and the personal card of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

WAACS To Fort Leonard Wood

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo., Dec. 24.—(P)—The WAACS are coming to Fort Leonard Wood.

The first company—three officers and 152 enrolled women—will arrive soon after the first of the year, it was announced today, to replace enlisted men, who will be released for combat duty. The contingent will include a headquarters unit, a clerical platoon, a theater section and two service platoons.

The WAACS will occupy three new two-story barracks. They also will have a mess hall and a combination recreation, supply and administration building, which includes a beauty shop. Other companies are expected to be assigned here later.

Not To Take Fifth Tire

OMAHA, Dec. 24.—(P)—Rubber Administrator William Jeffers said in a statement today "there is no likelihood in my opinion that the fifth tire of automobiles will be taken by the government."

He issued the statement to clarify remarks attributed to him yesterday that owners may have to give up their spare tires. No such plan is contemplated, he explained.

Jeffers stated that in response to a question at a conference here yesterday as to what would happen in the event the synthetic program did not work out as anticipated, he said that "because of the absolute necessity that the maximum of farm production must be carried out and that if there was any indication of any shortage of tires, then there was always the reservoir of the fifth tires on autos and those of cars in storage."

He added "our every effort is to keep America on wheels and the spare tires are much better in the possession of the autoist than stored in some warehouse."

L. F. Ritchie Not So Well Wednesday Night

Louis F. Ritchie, of 123 East Broadway, with the state insurance department at Jefferson City who is in St. Mary's hospital there following an illness since Sunday night, was not so well Wednesday night after an improvement in his condition the past two days.

Mrs. Ritchie and daughter, Miss Mary Ritchie, who returned Tuesday evening from his bedside, made another trip there Wednesday night to be with him until further improvement is evident. Mr. Ritchie's condition late this afternoon is said to be fair.

Camp Commander Dies

GAINESVILLE, Tex., Dec. 24.—(P)—Maj. Gen. Alexander E. Anderson, commander of Camp Howze's 86th infantry division, died today of a heart attack.

The camp's public relations office announced the death. General Anderson became commander of the unit when it was activated Dec. 15.

GOP Leaders On Different Sides Of Fence

Republicans Now In One Camp Or The Other

BY HOWARD FLIEGER

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 24.—(P)—It may be Ferguson vs. Mattingly on the Republican side of Missouri's next legislature.

That doesn't mean the two men—National Committeeman Barak T. Mattingly of St. Louis and former State Chairman Charles Ferguson of Willow Springs—will have any personal part in the session. They aren't members.

Neither does it mean that they, necessarily, want to send any influential voice into the assembly.

But they will anyway. They can't escape it. Because Ferguson and Mattingly, personal friends for years, represent the two sides of the Republican fence in Missouri.

Mattingly, backing Grover Dalton of Poplar Bluff, beat Ferguson for re-election as state chairman this year. That was the final break in party differences that began at Philadelphia in the early Wilkie-for-president days and healed only during the gubernatorial fight.

Ferguson Popular

Ferguson, still personally popular with hundreds of Republicans, carries considerable GOP power with him wherever he goes. His friendships include the second and third generation of party faithful. Mattingly heads a new but currently dominant group. Also, because of his St. Louis connections, he speaks for many city Republicans.

So it is that Republican differences

Hatchery Cannot Fill This Order

CLINTON, Mo., Dec. 24.—(P)—A group of soldiers planning some fly fishing in Maine may be disappointed temporarily.

Corp. J. J. Lankhurst wrote a Clinton hatchery that he and his flies for fishing in Maine streams comrades want to make their own but they need hackles, the short feathers on the necks of chickens. The hatchery, which ships thousands of chickens each year, does not dress them for market and so far has been unable to fill the request. Poultry raisers in the community have been asked to help.

May Have Women On Ration Boards

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 24.—(P)—Mayor Harry Carr said today he would ask authority of district rationing officials in Kansas City to appoint women as members of Springfield rationing boards—providing he can find any women to volunteer. Men are quitting the boards faster than he can appoint them, the harrassed mayor said.

Post Office To Be Closed Christmas Day

Friday December 25th being a legal holiday there will be no delivery of mail by either city or rural carriers.

All windows at the post office will be closed. Special delivery mail will be delivered and all outgoing mail will be dispatched.

Gift parcels will be delivered by truck Christmas morning. EDW. P. MULLALEY Postmaster.

His Turkeys, His Gift

WINDSOR, Mo., Dec. 24.—(P)—George Wampler's Christmas turkeys were their own Christmas gift to him.

He sold 1,825 birds to a Windsor produce dealer and received a check for \$8,001.17.

U. S. Bombers Dump New Loads On Japs

Japanese In Buna Area Are In Desperate Straits

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Carrying on a series of bombing attacks on the Japanese air field at Munda, United States dive-bombers have dumped new loads of bombs on the enemy, the navy reported today.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Japanese forces in the Buna area of New Guinea, their fortifications breached in many places and their ranks decimated by the determined Allied offensive, are now in desperate straits, a communique from General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said today.

Deprived of sufficient sea-borne supplies and reinforcements by allied aerial action against their convoys, the Japanese have been battered by United States and Australian troops for weeks and subjected to a terrific pounding from the air.

"Our attack has breached enemy fortifications in many places," the noon communique said. "Many hundred of his dead are being buried by our troops. His situation must now be regarded as desperate."

The location of the Japanese fortifications newly breached was not given, but it was assumed they were in the area between Buna Village and Cape Endiandere, both of which are in allied hands, and in the Cape Sanananda sector, northwest of Buna.

Allied Planes Active

The communique reported that allied planes were active in both these areas, strafing and bombing the enemy in the Buna sector and attacking oil drums and barges near the government station sector.

Other aircraft raided the air-drome at Cape Clouet, on the western tip of New Britain. A heavy bomber dropped 500-pound bombs near a Japanese cargo vessel anchored off Jacquinot bay on the southeastern coast of the island and later strafed the ship.

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Rubber Shortage Helps Street Cars

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—(P)—The rubber shortage has created a bonus for the street car company employees.

The Public Service company has been granted permission to make a holiday week disbursement to its 1,800 employees of the larger part of their 25 per cent split in the company's net earnings—the first in a decade.

Through the deficit years when the company was getting money from the RFC the employee's profit participation plan had meant nothing.

Along came the rubber shortage, with motorists turning to street cars and busses in such numbers that the company's net profit at the end of November was estimated at \$17,000.

The War Labor board gave the company permission to make the disbursement to the employees.

New Fuel Oil Coupons Next Week

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—(P)—Fuel oil consumers will begin receiving coupons next week for the third, fourth and fifth heating periods, which extend through the remainder of the winter, without having to make further application either by mail or in person.

Russell E. Hardner, Jr., state OPA director for eastern Missouri, said issuing of the coupons will begin Monday with the assistance of 50 St. Louis volunteer school teachers.

Consumers should pay their dealers the coupons due for oil delivered on promissory notes since dealers have been notified they no longer are authorized to operate on that basis, Gardner explained. Under the rationing regulation coupons are due by the end of the month.

Fido's certificate cites him for "an outstanding act of helpfulness and courage."

Steps To Prevent Holiday Fires And Accidents

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—(P)—Operators of all amusement places in the city have been warned by the Office of Civilian Defense and the director of Public Safety to take steps to prevent holiday fires and accidents.

Both the OCD and the public safety director stressed that no establishment should be filled beyond its normal capacity.

Don't Forget Gifts For The Soldier Boys

Have you a small gift for a lonesome soldier at the Sedalia Army Air Field? Nearly two thousand soldiers will be at the air field on Christmas day. Cancelling of passes to their homes, mail congestion, and other factors will be responsible for some of them not having a gift. Sedalians are asked to be responsible for some little gift, maybe only a package of cigarettes, but something. Wrap it in pretty paper, or in some way, dress it up in Yuletide colors and leave it at one of the following places: Sedalia Democrat-Capitol office, USO center at 320 South Ohio avenue; East End Drug Store, 503 South Engineer avenue; Boies Drug Store, 516 West Sixteenth street; Headquarters Fire Station, 211 South Kentucky avenue; Fire Station No. 1, Fourth street and Montgomery avenue; Golden Roast Coffee Co., Main street and Prospect avenue.

Army trucks will be brought to Sedalia Friday morning for them.

Americans In Dakar Significant

Plan To Oust Axis, Then Organize Northern Africa

By Glenn Babb

Today's revelation that the Americans have arrived at Dakar is a reminder of the tremendous scope of our undertaking in Africa. It is assurance that behind the wall of secrecy imposed by military needs a gigantic work is going forward.

On the battlefields the long continued lull persists; in Tunisia patrol activity in the north, minor actions involving the French in the south and the daily exchange of air blows; in Libya for yet another day a British communique that says, "nothing to report from our land forces." If this prompts impatient speculation as to whether United Nations leadership has bogged down, an antidote could be found by recalling the days before Eisenhower's landing last Nov. 8 when the clamor for action, for the second front ran over most of the allied lands.

Overcome Complications

What we are doing in North Africa is preparing not merely to oust the Axis from its dwindling footholds along the Mediterranean coast but to organize all the northern half of the world's second largest continent as a base and springboard for the reduction of what Hitler calls his fortress of Europe. French North Africa and West Africa together cover an area almost as great as the continental United States. Add French Equatorial Africa and the total area, about 3,800,000 square miles, is greater than that of the United States and all its possessions.

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Perfers Appointee From Western Missouri

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—(P)—Senator Harry S. Truman intends to recommend appointment of an attorney from the western part of the state for the newly created federal judgeship for Missouri, he made known while here for the Christmas holidays.

Although he has not discussed the subject with Senator Bennett Clark, he said yesterday he hoped to be able to get together with the state's senior senator on the appointment.

Several St. Louis organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, have sent requests to Washington for an appointment from the eastern side of the state.

"I do not think the question of geography is important," Senator Truman was quoted as saying.

Honor Certificate To Collie Dog

SOMERSET, Pa., Dec. 24.—(P)—The Christmas of Fido, a collie dog, today was a certificate of honor from Dog World's International for saving the life of three-year-old Kenneth Slagle, Jr.

After the boy and dog wandered away several weeks ago, Fido dug a hole in the ground in which his little master could lie. When searchers found the pair, the dog half covered the child, protecting him from the night-time cold and wind of mountain country.

Fido's certificate cites him for "an outstanding act of helpfulness and courage."

Machinery For Freezing Jobs

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—(P)—A labor stabilization agreement whereby essential workers would be frozen in their jobs reportedly was under consideration for St. Louis today.

Machinery for working out the plan is being set up by the Regional office of the War Manpower commission in Kansas City.

Russians Continue Across Don Steppes Unchecked By Axis

The Meanest Man Next To Hitler And Hirohito

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—(P)—Next to Hitler and Hirohito—here's Santa's worst enemy.

A thief here took a lot of Christmas out of the holiday for the Frank Kaperls. Not content with the more or less minor items of three quarters of whiskey and a box of candy, the thief also took 9-year-old Gitta Kaperl's doll—the one she was going to get tomorrow.

Sign Bill For Pay Increases

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(P)—President Roosevelt today signed a bill providing pay raises for about 1,500,000 government employees and said it was "a major step toward setting the government personnel situation in order."

The measure also abolishes the Saturday half holiday in government service, which Mr. Roosevelt described as a "peace time luxury."

He said in a memorandum to all federal departments and agencies that the government must concentrate on the one task of winning the war.

While Saturday becomes a full work day with a legal minimum of seven hours in the departmental service, he said he wanted department and agency heads to establish a general minimum work schedule of a six-day, 48-hour week for both the departmental and field service. He said certain necessary exceptions might have to be made.

The chief executive said that the pay bill "removes inequities and meets the rise in the cost of living by providing increased earnings for more work and longer hours."

He called at the same time for full use of governmental manpower and added that every surplus employee must be dispensed with and personnel reduced wherever possible.

Hold Son In Mother's Death

POPULAR BLUFF, Mo., December 24.—(P)—Sheriff O. C. Grider of Clay county, Ark., said here today charges of criminal knowledge of the death of Mrs. Clyde Lamp Ward, 56, had been filed against her foster son, Eugene Elliott, who was taken into custody by police here last night. Sheriff Grider returned Elliott to Piggott, Ark., today and said the investigation into Mrs. Ward's death would be continued.

The woman, who lived alone at her home in Piggott, was found dead about two weeks ago by neighbors. Although her body bore no signs of violence, the sheriff said the dwelling had been thoroughly ransacked. Papers of value and money which Mrs. Ward was said to have kept at her home, were not found by officers, he said.

Grider said Elliott was at the home the day before Mrs. Ward's body was found. While the cause of her death is still somewhat a mystery, the officer said indications were that she died of a heart ailment brought on by excitement or fright.

Son's Parents Send Gifts For "Buddies"

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 24.—(P)—Private Simon Miller's parents have the Christmas spirit. Along with his own gifts, Private Miller received a box from his Long Beach, Calif., home containing ten beautifully-wrapped gifts.

"Give these to some soldiers who wouldn't otherwise have a Christmas present," his parents instructed him.

The ten boxes will be distributed through a drawing at the service club of the air forces technical school here tonight.

Army Sub-Depot Employees Buy Bonds

Employees of the 325th Sub Depot, U. S. Army Air Base, have responded 100 per cent buying war bonds on the payroll deduction plan, which at the present time amounts to 11% payroll deductions. Most of the civilian employees at the Sub Depot are Central Missourians, many of them living in Sedalia and nearby communities.

Germans In At Least One Sector Are Said To Be In Wild Disorder

MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—

(AP)—Pressing southward across the Middle Don steppes at an unchecked pace, the Red Army today captured several more Cossack towns and rapidly narrowed the 130-mile gap between Millerovo and Rostov on which the German command depended for land connection with its hundreds of thousands of men before Stalingrad and in the Caucasus.

The Russians were sweeping forward at a rate of 12 to 18 miles a day, and Pravda, the Communist party organ, said the Germans in at least one sector were in wild disorder, leaving 17 undamaged Messerschmitt fighting planes on one airfield which was suddenly scooped into the Soviet net.

The Red army, drove an arc about the vital communications hub of Millerovo, approximately 130 miles from Rostov on the Don at the Sea of Azov. They were within 67 miles of Voroshilovgrad, in the heart of the rich Donets basin, and within 37 miles of Kamensk, where the Millerovo railway crosses the Donets.

Off to the southeast of the Russian thrust was Kotelnikovsk, on the Stalingrad-Caucasus railway, 120 miles away.

Near Millerovo

By occupying the Cossack town of Olkhovoi Rog, the Russian forces had moved up to within 14 miles directly east of Millerovo.

The position of Millerovo doubtlessly was the German commanders' greatest concern at the moment for the fall of this city of 15,000 population would leave them only one main line, the Kharkov-Taganrog-Rostov railway, and two secondary lines which connect below Kamensk, as a means of communications to German troops to the northeast and in the Caucasus.

Directly west of Millerovo the Russians were at Voloshina, while to the southeast they were at Bolshinsk, Bervomaiskoie and Sulinsk. The drive through Voloshina threatened the Millerovo-Voroshilovgrad railway.

To the northwest they also had captured Barranikovka and Gabighino, and to the northeast they held Novoselovka.

The Russian tally of 80,600 Germans killed or captured—16,400 captured yesterday alone—was swelled by today's official report which listed 1,000 prisoners from one division, including the division commander.

Capture 2,200

A Red Star dispatch also told of the capture of 2,200 of the enemy at one settlement which was surrounded.

At another place, Red Star said, the Russians seized 30 tanks which had been dug into the ground for defense.

What appeared to be a major battle for a town southwest of Stalingrad was reported in the midday communique, which said that stubborn fighting dislodged the Germans from the town and that they left more than 1,000 killed, and 15 tanks, 63 trucks, 12 guns, 18 machine-guns and four planes destroyed.

The struggle in and around Stalingrad continued much as it (Please Turn to Page 4, Column 6)

Suspends Publication

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 24.—(P)—The Marshfield Herald, only Democratic newspaper in Webster county, announced in this week's issue that it was suspending publication as "a war casualty."

Rudy Vallee To St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—(P)—Rudy Vallee, radio and movie actor and also a chief bandmaster in the coast guard, will be here for the district coast guard Christmas party Sunday night. He will direct the local coast guard band.

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The Daily Washington Merry-Go-Round
By DREW PEARSON
(Major Robert S. Allen on active duty)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 — Washington hotels are now getting advance reservations from the ship lobbyists who are already preparing for one of the big fights of the new congress — with cheers from the Maritime Commission — in order to get a higher price for the ships seized by the government to transport troops and cargoes.

Hundreds of these ships have been expropriated under the president's emergency powers and a lot of them already have been sunk. Now the question is: "What is a fair price to pay the owners?"

Center of this fight is hard-boiled Comptroller General Lindsey Warren, one of the few public servants still zealous in protecting the taxpayer. Lindsey sat in congress after the last war, watched lush sky high awards being passed out to shipowners. He determined to stop repetition of that gravy grab. So while still in congress he sat on the committee which framed the present law to prevent the profiteering of World War I.

Today Lindsey Warren is comptroller general, the watchdog of the treasury, answerable only to congress. As such he has already tangled vigorously with the maritime commission in his determination to carry out the law he helped write.

That law provides that a shipowner shall be paid a fair price, but in no case shall the value of the ship be enhanced by the war, in other words by the increasing prices as a result of the scarcity of ships.

Despite this the maritime commission already has paid prices which the Comptroller General's office considers exorbitant. Ships whose pre-war price per ton ranged from \$16.59 to \$69.14 have been purchased by the Maritime Commission for over \$100 per ton within the last nine months.

The Commission claims that ship prices were depressed in 1939 when the law was written. Lindsey Warren, however, claims that this is for the courts and congress to decide, that the Maritime Commission has no business going over their head.

That is why the powerful ship lobby, one of the smoothest in Washington, already is polishing up the cocktail-shakers and preparing to beguile the new congress into passing around the gravy bowl.

Christmas In The White House
In the "dear dead days" of economic depression back in 1934, Christmas in the White House began two days before with a tea to members of the President's staff. But not today. The Roosevelt-like to make a lot of Christmas, loved to have their many children and grandchildren around them. But it will not be that way today. Four boys are in the service, scattered all over the world, the many grandchildren also are scattered throughout the U. S. A. However, Mrs. Roosevelt plans a small family tree with candles. "A Christmas tree," she says, "does not look right without real candles. It must smell of hot evergreen." But the tree will be treated with a fireproof solution. Economical Cal Coolidge always gave his office staff pass-me-on gifts which he had received the year before. Chief highlight of the Hoover's Christmas was rotund Larry Rich-ey dressed as Santa Claus, jumping out from the fireplace in the East Room loaded with gifts for the Hoover grandchildren. Mrs. Hoover liked to turn out all the lights while the family formed a procession through the White House holding lighted candles. Mr. Hoover led the procession, solemnly grasping a candle in one hand.

Saving Gasoline?
The Navy has 10 or 15 new station wagons costing around \$1,500 a piece which it uses on a unique mission. From about 6 a. m. to

• Side Glances



"Oh, sure, I appreciate the doll Aunt Molly sent me—but she doesn't seem to understand this is a machine age for women."

9 a. m., when officers are coming to work, and again from 3 p. m. to 6:30 p. m., when they are leaving work, all these station wagons do is haul the officers approximately three blocks to their parking lot.

Apparently, the high command considers three blocks too far to walk, despite the urgent need of gasoline, despite the scarcity of tires, and despite the fact that all naval officers are supposed to get a certain amount of exercise to keep fit.

Marching Into Tokyo

Mel Maas of Minnesota, who is both Marine Corps colonel and congressman, has two mementos from the Solomon—a 50-yen Jap note and a 10-shilling not of Jap invasion money.

Maas got the money off dead Jap soldiers.

The other day he was displaying it to Representative Gordon Canfield of New Jersey and two British WRENS, comparable to our WAVES, who were having lunch with Canfield in the House restaurant. The WRENS, 3rd Officers Dorothy Taite and Elizabeth Gibson, were especially interested in the yen note, which was covered with bright-colored designs and pictures.

"Be sure to give that money back to me," said Maas. "I have big plans for it."

"Yes, these notes will make a wonderful souvenir to show your grandchildren," commented one of the WRENS.

"Souvenir—nothing," exclaimed Maas. "I'm keeping that money to spend in Tokyo."

Forgotten Country

A lonely old diplomat died in Washington the other day, almost unnoticed. He was the representative of one of Europe's littler countries, one of the first to be swallowed by the Axis.

For twenty years Faik Bey Kanitza, Minister of Albania had won friends for his obscure coun-

try. But suddenly in April, 1939, his diplomatic world ceased to exist when Mussolini, greedily watching Hitler occupy Austria, decided that Italy's turn had come. He marched into defenseless Albania.

The Queen of Albania had given birth to a son and heir twenty-four hours before, was forced to flee to Greece. Kanitza never got over that. "That poor baby," he moaned, almost more upset over the welfare of the tiny Crown Prince than the occupation of his country.

But he was the only one in official Washington who seemed upset. Cordell Hull's State Department made no move or protest. Kanitza was not even given the courtesy of being kept on the official diplomatic list, a gesture accorded all the other occupied countries. The State Department was in the act of appeasing Mussolini. Albania didn't count.

Minister Kanitza immediately left the Mayflower Hotel, managed by an Italian, and moved to an obscure apartment, where he mourned his country's passing. There very quietly last week he died.

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Looking Backward Forty Years Ago

Captain George LaCount of the Salvation Army, will send out about forty baskets of provisions to poor families today. The contributions upon the part of the citizens were quite liberal and included everything calculated to appease the appetite.

The court house officials and their clerks prepared a genuine surprise yesterday evening for M. Rymer, the efficient janitor of the

THERE IS IN SEDALIA A WELL KNOWN COUPLE THE GENTLEMAN'S Name IS FRANK AND HIS Wife IS MOLLIE THE OTHER Day A LITTLE Girl A FRIEND WHO CALLS Them UNCLE AND AUNT WAS BEING ENTERTAINED BY AN Adult AND THEY Ran ACROSS A Picture OF FIBBER McGEE AND Mollie

OF RADIO Fame THE Adult EXPLAINED THE CHARACTERS TO THE Child AND THOUGHT SHE WAS Making A PRETTY Good STORY OF IT UNTIL SUDDENLY THE CHILD BROKE INTO The CONVERSATION WITH "BUT WHERE IS THE Picture OF UNCLE Frank" I THANK YOU

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By MRS. ANNE CABOT

court house. Just before closing hour they presented Mr. Rymer with a handsome bedstead, with mattress and springs. The gift came as a complete surprise to him and was highly appreciated.

Judge George F. Longan yesterday afternoon adjourned the Pettis county circuit court until Monday, January 5.

Steamboat Springs, Colo., has been purchased by a Denver syndicate for \$250,000. Many Sedalians have visited the pretty little town in the Rockies. The founder of the place, James H. Crawford, is a brother of Col. John D. Crawford of this city.

Watch Of Marine Taken Off Jap Killed
KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—(AP)—From a Jap he had killed, Cpl. Orville Johnson, marine machine gunner from Swea City, Ia., took a wrist watch he's displaying to friends he's visiting.

Engraved on its back is "John S. Ellis, U. S. M., Aug. 27, '40. Does anyone know the owner?"

Frantic Festival

By Edmund Tancoll

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THE STORY: Myra Mack and Fay Rathbone, two Montreal girls, are invited to spend their Christmas vacations as guests of eccentric Ferdie Lorton, an artist who has a cottage in the snow-capped Laurentian Mountains. Knowing Ferdie's habit of picking up a strange assortment of companions, Myra wonders whether she should invite Fay to the cottage.

Chapter II

MEET BEANO

THE door of the office showed a sign more pretentious than the exterior of the office, which was one of many in a large but not very modern building.

The sign read:

BENNY BRIEN
Theatrical Agent

There was a light behind the glass of the window although it was past Benny Brien's usual hour of closing. Benny Brien was a small man and plump, hiding a hard heart under a soft exterior. He was addressing an apologetic giant over twice his size with the air of a father admonishing his son.

"No, Beano. If it was honest I'd help you. Ten years I booked your business and never made a penny more than 25 per cent out of you. Three times when you were with me I fixed it for you. Three times champion of the world, and the circuits I got you brought you more than you ever had to pay out to be champion."

The other man fiddled with his derby. "I know, Benny, you was a pal to me all through."

"A pal," exclaimed Benny. "And what did I get for it? The Maxo outfit offered to put you back in the wrestling game for a 15 per cent cut and where are you now? You got the blame and they got the dough. All washed up, and then you come to Benny to help you out."

The other waited patiently. "Listen, Benny, I ain't washed up. I got 50 grand in my pocket and I want to give you 25 for what you have done for me in the past."

Benny snorted. "Fifty grand! Hot ice. Why if the cops walked in here and found you with them diamonds on you we'd both get 20 years in the penitentiary, you for having 'em and me for knowing it. And me as innocent as a newborn babe."

Beano sighed. "Listen, Benny. I didn't steal 'em. I was only in Rafferty's when Bretto rushes in and says to me, 'Hold dis for me till I get back.' But he never got back, the boys got him outside and when they searched him for the ice they couldn't find it. Then the cops got them and gave 'em the chair, so you see, Benny, I came by them honest."

"Honest?" snorted Benny. "I'll bet the insurance dicks are sniffing your trail right now, not to mention the cops."

"That's it," said Beano. "All I want to do is to lay up in a nice quiet circuit for a couple of months up in Canada and it's a cinch. Fifty grand ain't hay, Benny."

THE bell rang. Benny picked up his telephone.

"Hello," said Benny. "Oh, yes, sure, yeah, sure I believe in Christ-



"Aw, Benny," protested Beano. "I don't want to be a Santa Claus. Kids bother me. I just want to go to Canada for a while and then I'm going to finish my correspondence course in Physical Education. Maybe I can get a job in one of them colleges."

mas. Sure, a good time was had by all, the kids like it, too, but I got a business. Skiing. Sure I like it... on the movies. How's that girl with the dead pan, yeah, Mack, that's the name. Maybe I will at that. Couple of days, maybe. Busy time, New Year's, got a couple of shows lined up. Sure I'll be up. C. K. if I bring a friend?"

Beano's eyes twinkled with hope. Benny set the receiver down.

"What do you think about that?" he said to Beano. "That's the best artist in Canada, that is, real artist, I mean, not an act. Asking me up for Christmas week. Swell place up where they all ski. Maybe I can do something for you, Beano."

"Aw, Benny, I knew you'd come across. Split 50-50 and help me get rid of the ice." "Nothing doing, Beano. It's too hot, but I'll give you a break. Never let it be said I didn't help a pal and that's more than the Maxos' would do for you. 'Til ring up Johnny Goodman in Montreal and get you a Santa Claus' act in one of the stores. Nobody'll recognize you as Santa Claus."

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Benny Brien sighed. "That's the trouble with you. Physical education. You took it all in your muscles and none in your head. Here. Get into this costume. Nobody will think of looking for hot ice on Santa Claus."

"What about the Customs up in Canada, Benny?" "That's simple. I go up by air. You drive up. You put the ice between the rim and the rubber of the spare tire. You'll be all right, and if they get you I'll be all right, see, 50-50, whichever way it is they don't get both of us."

O. K. Benny. If that's the way you want it."

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(To Be Continued)

more women will be needed in war industries by the end of 1943. Where should women enroll to find out about war work or training for war jobs?

A—At the nearest U. S. Employment Agency.

Q—What author of a recent best-seller prepared for and started her career as a concert musician?

A—Eve Curie. She attained recognition as a musician and

fame as the author of "Madame Curie," a book about her mother, the famous French woman physicist.

Q—It recently has been announced that U. S. troops are stationed in Liberia. What are the chief exports of this country?

A—Coffee, rubber, oil, nuts, ivory, raffia and ginger.

Q—Does coffee have any nutritional value?

A—No.

• Funny Business



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Six Million In Damages Asked

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—A civil action asking \$6,000,000 damages from the Anaconda Wire and Cable company and five employees was filed Wednesday in federal court in the name of the United States by Moses S. Sherr, attorney.

The action was an outgrowth of an indictment voted Monday by a federal grand jury at Fort Wayne, Ind., against the company and the five employees.

Charges made by Attorney General Francis Biddle that the defendants conspired to foist defective wire and cable on the armed services were repeated in the new complaint.

Individual defendants are: Thor S. Johnson, general manager; Frank E. Hart, manager of the firm's Marion division; Don R. Carpenter, superintendent; Chalmer Bishop, chief inspector, and Frank Kunkle, assistant chief inspector at the Marion division.

Victory Loan Drive Goes Over Top

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The treasury's victory loan drive has gone "over the top" by \$2,200,000,000, Daniel Bell, under-secretary of the treasury reported Wednesday night.

He said preliminary figures or subscriptions which close at midnight on the three major issues in the drive indicated sales would total \$11,200,000,000.

"We hope it may even reach \$12,000,000,000," he said.

In opening the drive December 1, the treasury set a goal of \$9,000,000,000.

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What to See in Kansas City

A flood of early reservations from Kansas Citians and their out-of-town friends who will ring out the old and in the new at Hotel Continental's New Year's Eve party, Continental Room, Johnny Coon's orchestra for continuous dancing, breakfast after 1:30 a. m. . . . Weekly boxing shows sponsored by War Dads, Auditorium, beginning Saturday, January 2, climaxed by annual Golden Gloves Tournament, February 8, 9, and 13 . . . Zazu Tots in a sparkling show, Music Hall, Thursday, December 31 . . . Town Hall's first offering of 1943 season, Dorothy Sands, impersonator and mimic, Monday, January 11, Music Hall.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wilcoxson of Kansas City will spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Verda Wilcoxson, Route 5, and Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Wahrenbrock, 653 East Tenth street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dodds, 1001 South Vermont avenue, will spend Christmas with Mr. Dodds' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Dodds at Rockville.

Miss Lucille Pontius and sister, Mrs. Curtis Cook, of Hermosa Farms, entertained with a tea Tuesday afternoon, complimentary to the children of Maplewood school and their mothers.

Mrs. Wade Lahr assisted in entertaining.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Zoellig, 916 South Massachusetts, will entertain during the Christmas holidays their son, Paul Zoellig, of Joplin, Miss Betty Jean Ross, of Kansas City, Kas., and Cpl. James P. V. Howell, of Leavenworth, Kas.

Mrs. Anna Smasal and daughters, Mrs. Ann Shank and Miss Mary Smasal, temporarily located at the Terry apartments, will have as their guests Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Smasal, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Burke, Miss Rosella Smasal, of St. Louis and Miss Camille Shank of Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Ramseyer, Smithton, entertained the members of the Boy Scout troop No. 71, of which Mr. Ramseyer is Scout Master, at their home Tuesday evening. The home was very attractive with its Christmas decorations. The evening was spent playing games and exchanging gifts. Millard Wagenknecht, one of the troop committeemen treated the boys to candy bars while Mr. and Mrs. Ramseyer served "hot dog" sandwiches and popcorn.

Those present were: Donald L. Hoehns, Donald Mahinken, Claude Smith, Ralph Smith, Lilburn Lugin, Cloyd Merk, John and Lynn Wagenknecht, Bobbie Ray, Stanley Stuart, E. H. Schlotzauer, Charles Bolte, Jimmie Eddy and Millard Wagenknecht.

Miss Betty Reid of Sedalia, a resident student at Fontbonne college here, has been enrolled on the Dean's mid-season honor roll for excellence in scholastic achievement. To win the honor, a student must carry 15 credit hours and have at least one A grade and no grades below B. Miss Reid, a sophomore, had four A's and two B's. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reid, 410 Dal-Whi-Mo.

Mayor and Mrs. A. H. Wilks, 116 East Broadway, will have as guests Christmas Day their daughter, Mrs. S. E. Boyle and son, Sammie, of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Riley G. Cunningham, and Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Randall, of this city, Mrs. A. H. Wilks, Jr., will spend Christmas with her parents in Glasgow. A. H. Wilks, Jr., is with the armed forces at Fort Sill, Okla.

Army Contracts For Service Shoes

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—(P)—Army contracts for 3,800,000 pairs of service shoes were announced today by the Boston quartermaster depot. Nearly half the total went to New England manufacturers. The other awards included: Belleville Shoe Mfg. Co., Belleville, Ill., 53,000 pairs; Brown Shoe Co., St. Louis, Mo., 300,000; International Shoe Co., St. Louis, Mo., factories at Quincy, Ill., 432,000; Popular Bluff, Mo., 108,000; Kirkville, Mo., 72,000; Washington, Mo., factory 17,000.

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Christmas Cheer For U. S. Troops In War Jungle Zone

(The following dispatch from George Moorad, American Red Cross official in the southwest Pacific, was distributed by the Associated Press.)

WITH THE ALLIED FORCES IN NEW GUINEA, Dec. 24.—(P)—Santa Claus arrived by plane and jeep Wednesday bringing Christmas cheer in the form of thousands of American Red Cross gift boxes for American troops in this jungle war zone.

Despite the urgencies of war, direct orders were given by General Douglas MacArthur to insure delivery of the packages to every American soldier on the scattered Pacific battle front. Giant transports were hastily loaded at Port Moresby to ferry the Christmas cargo across the towering Owen Stanley range, thence by jeep and trucks to troops widely dispersed along the Gona Buna sector.

Distribution of the boxes, containing hard candy, dried fruit, cigarettes, stationery, gum, toothpaste, sewing kits, began Monday under the supervision of Colonel George DeGraaf, San Antonio, Texas, assisted by American Red Cross field directors James Stewart, Oneonta, New York; George Youngs, Cleveland, Ohio; Harry Pogue, Washington, D. C., and George Moorad, San Francisco.

Deliveries have been made to every front line where allied troops are doggedly hammering at enemy garrisons.

"I've never seen such wide grins as those on the faces of our men in the steaming jungle camps when the boxes were passed out. To make it even better, a big load of Christmas mail from home arrived simultaneously," said Stewart.

Moorad helped distribute gifts in the Cape Endiaderre sector which the Japanese lost on December 18. He was greeted by poetic Sergeant Marcus Burkholder, Plattville, Wisconsin, who recited a version of "The Night Before Christmas."

American Red Cross field directors also reported a booming business in soldier messages to their folks at home—430 being transmitted in one day.

Whittier PTA Has Program

Music Department In Charge Of Meeting Tuesday

The December meeting of the Whittier P. T. A. was held Tuesday at the school, where a Christmas program was presented by the music department, following a brief business meeting.

The program: "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," orchestra; "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," violin solo, Lorene Miley; "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," brass quartet, Gene Wells, Eugene Bergman, Richard Smith, and Kenneth Walker; "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," orchestra.

Members of the orchestra are: Lorene Miley, Bobby Hall, Barbara Sullivan, Freddy Bishop, Bobby Schultz, Irene Wagner, Wanda Young, Joe Van Horn, Howard Chapman, Jimmy Dent, Bill Mathews, Gene Wells, Kenneth Walker, Richard Smith, Eugene Bergman, Wilma Gregory, and Marilyn Schwarz.

A nativity pageant followed with the following cast: Joseph, Joe Van Horn; Mary, Eva Mae Reed; Angels, Wanda White, Wilma Gregory, Mary Cowherd, Helen Bellamy, Shirley Morton, Sue Harris, Barbara Smith, Beverly Haggard, Delores Croy, and Louise Dowdy; Shepherds, Merle Kettle, Dental Woods, Eugene Russell, and John Bergman; Wise Men, Bobby Nicholson, Bob Hopkins, and Edward Oversby; Reader, Miss Carolyn Courtney.

The following carols were sung by a chorus which sang in a candlelight procession to the stage: "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful," "Jesus in the Manger," "Let Our Gladness Know No End," "Sleep, Holy Babe," "Angels We Have Heard on High," "Cradle Song," "First Noel," "Once in the Royal David's City," and "Silent Night." Members of the chorus are: Maxine Raines, Howard Chapman, Mary Neitzert, Lewis Simmons, Eugene Kroenke, Gladys Martin, Billy Wareham, Charles Antoine, Marilyn Schwarz, Donna Belle Johnson, Clay Venable, Frank Russell, Irene Wagner, Bonnie Pirtle, Forrest Rumsey, Eugene Logan, Billy Hawley, Gene Wells, Don Carver, Bobby Hall, Bobby Pirtle, Ruth Ann Neidhardt, Bobby Allen, Gladys Johnson, Lorene Miley, Juanita Means, Bobby Schulz, Wanda Young, Frankie Hill, Darlene Ford, Tommie Fowler, Bobby Sullivan, Della Mae Anderson, and Floyd Johnson.

Accompaniments were played by Miss Mary Schrankler, stage decorations were by Miss Arline Downs, and the program was directed by Miss Coe La Jean Royser.

The new war tires, because of their sturdy carcass construction, lend themselves admirably to retreading when the original tread is worn away.

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Epidemic Of Smallpox

LEWISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 24.—(P)—State police guarded all roads leading into the Kishacoquillas valley, Amish farming settlement in Mifflin county, today, as medical authorities sought to isolate an outbreak of smallpox which had reached a total of 14 cases.

Trooper details from Lewistown, Huntingdon and State college, summoned by health officials of Mifflin, Centre and Huntingdon counties, barricaded the highways, turning back the canvas-covered wagons of the drably-garbed Amishmen, market-bound with food for the Christmas trade. Borough police set up a secondary guard around this city.

Dr. J. F. Brown, Mifflin county medical officer, told a special meeting of the Lewistown board of health last night that he expected additional cases of the disease to be reported. He said all those stricken so far were adults.

According to Dr. Brown, all the victims were present at an Amish wedding party several weeks ago. He said a woman guest from Ohio is suspected of having been the carrier.

The customs of the Amish people, he pointed out, would be of help in controlling the disease, and possibly isolating it in the valley. The Amish live, marry and visit among members of their own religious sect and shun contact with the rest of the world.

Women May Slice Their Own Bread

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(P)—A plan to force people to slice their own bread took shape today as a prelude to a broad program of holding down the cost of living essentials where necessary by eliminating profits.

Officials, who declined to be quoted by name, said the baking industry already has given general assent to a program of reducing the manufacturing and service costs of bread as a means of preventing a price increase and still maintaining quality.

The bread situation is this: As the prices increase on wheat and flour or other ingredients, on labor and machinery, it may become impossible for bakers to sell bread as cheaply as they do today.

Normally, the price would be put up a penny or two a loaf. But the government is committed to a broad program of holding down the cost of living, and doesn't want bread prices, above all other things, to go up.

Therefore, the alternative suggestion has been made and tentatively approved, it was learned, to eliminate some normal costs of the baking industry and hold prices unchanged.

Slicing is just one of the costs that bakers might eliminate. Some others include fancy wrappers, unusual sizes and shapes, some types of deliveries.

Buncombe Busy Bee Club Meeting
Twenty-six people, including sixteen members, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Lee, Jr., for the regular Buncombe Busy Bee 4-H club meeting Friday night, December 11.

After the business meeting, the group sang Christmas songs and exchanged gifts. Several indoor games were played. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

Refreshments of pop-corn balls and cookies were served.

Clinic At Olive Branch School
A free vaccination clinic was held Thursday, December 17 at Olive Branch school.

The county nurse, Miss Reba Gum assisted Dr. E. E. Holtzen of Smithton in giving the vaccinations for diptheria and smallpox.

Forty-one children of Lovelace, Tanglehook, Lookout, and Olive Branch took on or both vaccines.

Since the beginning of 1942 the number of automobile mechanics has been reduced by 50 per cent.

Life Sentence Or Death To Be Proposed

Suggested Penalty Delivery For Use Inferior War Goods

By FRANCIS M. LE MAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(P)—Life imprisonment or death will be proposed in the new congress as the maximum penalty for persons convicted of willfully manufacturing and delivering inferior or defective materials for the nation's armed forces, Rep. Hobbs (D-Ala.) said today.

The Alabamian, who said he would offer the legislation, told newspapermen he was "really shocked to find that the penalty is so low."

Such a crime now is punishable only under the fraud statutes, maximum penalties running to two years imprisonment or \$10,000 fine, or both, on conviction of conspiracy to defraud the United States, and 10 years imprisonment, \$10,000 fine or both, for consumption of such a fraud.

"It is odd to differentiate between such a crime and treason, when the purposeful putting off of inferior or defective materials on the army and navy might cost the lives of thousands of our fighting men," Hobbs said. "Shooting is too good for a person who would do such a thing."

Investigating Cases
Tom C. Clark, chief of the justice department war frauds division, said his office was investigating 900 cases of suspected wartime fraud against the government, and that approximately 15 of these involved accusations that defective or inferior materials were manufactured and delivered, willfully, to the armed services.

Indictments have been returned against three concerns on such charges, he reported.

Hobbs said that anyone purposefully manufacturing and delivering faulty materials that might cost the lives of soldiers, sailors or marines should be tried under the treason clause of the constitution for giving aid and comfort to the enemy, but Clark explained that to obtain a treason conviction it would be necessary to prove that "the defendant adheres to the enemy and gives the enemy aid and comfort."

Marine Office Open New Year's

The Marine recruiting office in the post office building will be closed Christmas Day, but will be open New Year's Day, it was announced Wednesday.

Staff Sergeant W. E. Klar, marine recruiter, and Mrs. Klar, 222 East Fourth street, left Wednesday for Trenton where they will visit Mrs. Klar's parents. Sergeant Klar will be on leave until December 28.

Staff Sergeant James T. Lancaster will remain on recruiting duty until December 30 when he will leave for St. Louis on a furlough to extend to January 5.

Corporal Leonard R. Hastings, U. S. Army recruiter, also with an office in the post office building, is on leave visiting in St. Joseph and will return Monday.

Miss Cooper Removed To Home In Knob Noster
Miss Christine Cooper, who had been very ill at the Bothwell hospital, has been removed to the home of W. E. Cooper, Knob Noster, where she is still bedfast.

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Olive Branch PTA Meeting

The regular meeting of the Olive Branch P. T. A. was held Friday night.

During the business meeting, presided by L. B. Fall, plans were made to buy Dr. Holtzen, of Smithton, a gift in appreciation of his services in the free vaccination clinic held at the school house on Dec. 17. Mrs. Clay Thomas and Mrs. Ralph Lee were appointed to buy the gift.

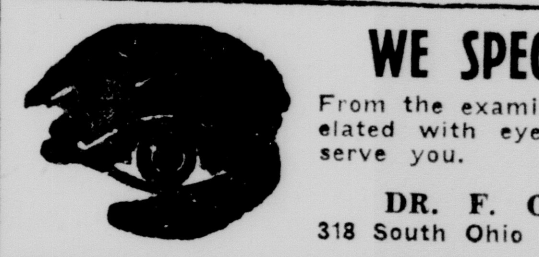
Following the business meeting the teachers, Miss Edith Morgan and Miss Cora Brady, presented the following program: Silent Night, group; Holly and Mistletoe, Eldon O'Neill; I Heard The Bells on Christmas Day, group; Busy Me, Robert Hansen; Jingle Bells, school and audience; Gift Time, Ruth Ditzfeld; Reading, Dennis Lee; Put On The Housetop, group; Play, "Ring the Bells of Freedom", Varena Hansen, Mary A. Hansen, Wayne Thomas, Barbara Berry, Glenn Lee, Raymond Charles, Wayne Rhodes; A report that the school had sold \$86 worth of defense stamps and bonds during the last month was made by Miss Morgan; Christmas Eve, first graders, Shirley Thomas, and Norma Jean Rhodes; and the song White Christmas, children and audience.

The teachers announced that their program at the Olive Branch church would be Christmas Eve night at 8:00.

Refreshments were served during the social hour.

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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION AT THE POLICE STATION IN THE CITY HALL BUILDING ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30th, and THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31st, 1942.

Pursuant to the law in such cases made and provided, the Board of Registrars of the City of Sedalia, Missouri, will hold open its Books from 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon, on Wednesday the 30th and Thursday the 31st days of December, 1942, in the Police Station of the City Hall Building located at 2nd and Osage Streets in the City of Sedalia, Missouri, at which time those who have become entitled to register since the last days of Registration, or who have, for any cause, failed and neglected to do so, may register upon compliance with the provisions of Article 19, Chapter 76, of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1939; these registration dates being fixed for the purpose of permitting such voters to register ten (10) days prior to the Special Election for the 6th, Congressional District of Missouri, as ordered and provided for by the Governor of the State of Missouri, in his writ of election to the Sheriff of Pettis County, Missouri directing said special election to be held within said County, on Tuesday, January 12th, 1943.

By order of the Board of Registrars, this 22nd day of December, A. D., 1942.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI,
By Mrs. Eugene Miller, Chairman.

(SEAL)
ATTEST: E. J. Thomas, City Clerk and Secretary to the Board of Registrars of the City of Sedalia, Missouri.

The Markets

Chicago Live Stock

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—(U. S. Department of Agriculture)—Hogs: 11,000; few early sales 10 cents higher; later trade slow; closing market steady to 10 cents lower; extreme top \$14.50; most late sales \$14.70 down; bulk 150 to 200 pounds \$14.60 to \$14.85; hogs steady to 10 cents higher; good and choice 150 pounds down \$14.25 to \$14.50; few \$14.60.

Cattle: 4,000; calves 700; fed steers and yearlings weak to 25 cents lower; mostly 10 to 15 cents off; largely fed steer run; bulk \$13.75 to \$15.00; top \$16.85; bulk \$12.50 to \$13.50; top \$14.25; cows steady to 25 cents higher; medium to good cows at \$11.25 to \$12.25; bulls steady; weighty sausage offerings to \$13.65; vealers firm at \$14.00 to \$15.50.

Sheep: 4,000; active; fully steady to stronger market on fat lambs and yearlings; sheep fully steady; good to choice woolled lambs \$15.50 to \$15.75; load of strictly good Kansas wheat field lambs \$14.85; slaughter ewes \$6.50 to \$8.00.

St. Louis Live Stock

NATIONAL STOCK YARDS, Ill., Dec. 24.—(AP)—(U. S. Department of Agriculture)—Hogs: 7,500; uneven weights over 180 pounds opened steady to 5 cents lower; later trade 10 to 15 cents lower than average Wednesday; lighter weights steady; sows steady to 15 cents lower; early sales good and choice 180 to 240 pounds \$14.50 to \$14.90; top \$14.90; later sales 150 to 200 pounds \$14.70 to \$14.75; 140 to 160 pounds \$14.10 to \$14.65; 100 to 120 pounds \$13.10 to \$13.90; sows \$12.55 to \$14.25; few early at \$14.35.

Cattle: 1,500; calves, 750; opening generally steady with Wednesday; few medium steers \$12.10 to \$13.65; medium and good heifers and mixed yearlings \$11.00 to \$13.00; common and medium cows \$9.50 to \$11.50; medium and good sausage bulls \$11.00 to \$12.75; good and choice vealers \$16.25; medium and good \$13.75 to \$15.00; nominal range slaughter steers \$10.75 to \$12.00; slaughter heifers \$9.50 to \$12.50; stocker and feeder steers \$9.00 to \$13.75.

Sheep: 1,200; receipts include three doubles southwest clipped lambs; around 800 trucked-in lambs and few yearlings; no early action.

Kansas City Live Stock

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—(AP)—(U. S. Department of Agriculture)—Hogs: 1,000; strong to 10 cents higher, spots up more on light weights; top \$14.65; good to choice 100 pounds up \$14.45 to \$14.60.

Cattle: 200; fed steers uneven; generally steady to strong; other killing classes fully steady; several loads medium and good grade steers \$12.25 to \$14.25; load of good heifers \$13.75; common to medium butcher cows \$9.00 to \$10.25; canners and cutes \$6.00 to \$8.75; few good to choice vealers \$13.00 to \$15.00.

Sheep: 3,500; opening sales ewes and yearling wethers about steady; no lambs sold early; asking fully steady; best held above \$15.25; good to choice yearlings \$13.10; good to choice slaughter ewes \$7.65.

Chicago Produce

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Butter: Receipts 49,000; firm prices as quoted by the Chicago price center; Creamery, 93 score 460 to 465; 92

Closing of Leading Stocks

	Close	Thurs.
American & For. Power	11 1/2	11 1/2
American Smelt. & R.	36 3/4	37
American Tel. & Tel.	125	125
American Tobacco	42 1/2	42 1/2
Anacosta	24 1/2	24 1/2
Atchafalaya T. & S. P.	46	45 1/2
Atlas Power	3	3
Aviation Corp.	11	10 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	22 1/2	22 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	68 1/2	69
Coca-Cola	88	88 1/2
Curtis-Wright	67 1/2	68 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	135 1/2	135 1/2
Eastman Kodak	150	148
General Electric	30 1/2	30 1/2
General Foods	41 1/2	41 1/2
General Motors	44 1/2	44 1/2
International Harvester	50 1/2	50 1/2
International Shoe	27 1/2	28
International Tel. & Tel.	64 1/2	64 1/2
Kennecott Corp.	28 1/2	28 1/2
Libbey, McN. & L.	45 1/2	45 1/2
Liggett & Myers	61	61
Loose-Wiles Biscuit	17 1/2	17 1/2
Mid-Cont. Petroleum	18 1/2	18 1/2
Missouri-Kansas-Texas	13 1/2	13 1/2
Montgomery Ward	34 1/2	34 1/2
Nash-Kelvinator	64 1/2	64 1/2
National Cash Register	194 1/2	194 1/2
North American Co.	9 1/2	9 1/2
Packard Motor	2 1/2	2 1/2
Pepsi-Cola	20 1/2	20 1/2
Phillips Petroleum	45 1/2	45 1/2
Purity Baking	13 1/2	13 1/2
Radio Corp. of America	4 1/2	4 1/2
Reynolds Tob. B.	24 1/2	24 1/2
Sears Roebuck	61 1/2	61 1/2
Skelly Oil	20 1/2	20 1/2
Southern Calif. Edison	19 1/2	19 1/2
Standard Oil Indiana	28 1/2	28 1/2
Studebaker Corporation	5 1/2	5 1/2
Swift & Co.	22 1/2	22 1/2
U. S. Steel	47 1/2	47 1/2
Westinghouse El. & Mfg.	82 1/2	82 1/2

Some Leaders On the Curb

	Close	Thurs.
American Light & T.	12 1/2	12 1/2
Arkansas Nat. Gas	14 1/2	14 1/2
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Assoc. G. & El. A.	13 1/2	13 1/2
Cities Service	3 1/2	3 1/2
Cities Service, pf.	53 1/2	54
Eagle Pitch Lead	7 1/2	7 1/2
El. Bond and Sh.	13 1/2	13 1/2
Ford M. Can. A.	15 1/2	15 1/2
Ford Mot. Ltd.	3	3
Gulf Oil	39	38 1/2
Nat. Bel. Hess	5 1/2	5 1/2
Southern Union Gas	—	—
Southern Union Gas, pf.	—	—
Standard Oil Ky.	—	—
South Royal	11 1/2	11 1/2



Americans In Daker Significant

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From Dakar around to Tunis the coastline is about 2,500 miles. From Casablanca straight across Morocco and Algeria to the Tunisian battlefields the supply lines run more than 1,000 miles. These distances alone impose tremendous burdens to which are added baffling political complications. The arrival of Admiral Glassford and his contingent at Dakar to integrate its fine harbor, airports and the French warships there into the United Nations war machine is proof that both political and geographical complications are being overcome.

Taking New Shape

Meanwhile the battle for North Africa is taking new shape. We know now that the first rosy expectations inspired by the early success of our African undertakings were too sanguine. As the British disclosed a few days ago, the allies lost the race for Tunis and Bizerte. It was a long shot that failed to come off; Hitler's bases were too near and he got there first although the British first army took the long chance of outrunning its air support in its dash eastward. Some civilian expectations outran the military possibilities and must now be revised.

The allies are going to have to fight a campaign of continental scope to throw Rommel and Nehring out of Africa and clear the way for the Trans-Mediterranean invasion of Hitler-land. Whether Rommel joins Nehring to make Tunisia a last-stand fastness remains to be seen, but evidence is increasing that he will try it. The French in southern Tunisia, re-equipped with American arms and inspired with new hope, may have something to say about such a junction; they are thrusting vigorously toward the coast at Sousse.

Might Axis Fight

There can be no doubt, however, that Hitler plans a mighty fight to hold Tunisia as long as he can, meanwhile preparing the southern bastions of his fortress Europa. His propaganda machine has begun telling the German people that the Mediterranean war now takes rank with the great Anti-Communist crusade in Russia, an admission that the second front so long dreaded has become a fact. The main lines of his strategy become clearer: He proposes to concentrate all the strength he can at the point on the African coast where geography gives him a big initial advantage in the battle of the supply routes, where his lines of communication across the Sicilian narrows are measured in hundreds of miles while ours extend for thousands. This means a fight that may well last into the winter; perhaps at the worst extend far into 1943 and cheat us of the hopes of a decision in the European theater before another Christmas rolls around.

In this fight ships probably will prove the deciding factor, men-of-war and the humbler transports and merchantmen alike. And here the United Nations hold the upper hand. The alliance that mustered 850 ships to put Generals Eisenhower and Anderson in Africa and hundreds more to provide Generals Alexander and Montgomery with the stuff of victory have the tools for finishing the African job.

Picture Show And Treats For Children

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Booster of the Missouri Pacific shops, Robert Overstreet, chairman of the Christmas Stocking program committee, and J. H. Bagby, chairman of the Pettis County Relief Committee, were also present and aided in handing out the treats.

Children Were Attentive

Members of the American Legion, who are also members of the auxiliary police force, aided in directing traffic, and looking after the children while they were in the theatre.

Their job was not difficult, because seldom have there been that many children in one place, where there has been such order, and strict attention paid to the program.

Members of the Social Security office staff spent many hours filling the cellophane sacks with candy, mixed nuts, a candy cane and an orange, which each child received. Miss Roseanne Dugan, executive director for the Social Security in the county, was chairman of the Christmas Stocking treat committee, and this work was done under her supervision.

Particularly noticeable among the workers this morning were Missouri Pacific employees, who are responsible for a large percentage of the funds raised, to make the party possible.

Eyes Were Shining

As each child left the theatre they were presented with one of the bags of goodies, and exclamations of delight were uttered as they expressed their appreciation, and hurried on their way, many anxious to get to their homes and share with their little brothers or sisters.

Crippled Child Attends
Among the attendants at the party was Charles Pirtle, young Sedalia boy, who was for many months in the University hospital. Mr. Roosevelt will carve the turkey at dinner in the evening.

amputated, and he is getting around nicely with the use of a crutch.

Charles, his mother, and other members of the family, will enjoy a Christmas dinner, provided by the Rotary club of Columbia.

Will Ask Sums For Buildings

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Miss Margaret Cobb, state budget director, said today the next legislature will be asked to appropriate \$350,000 for the repair of deteriorating buildings at state eleemosynary institutions.

The special session killed a \$250,000 proposal of Gov. Forrest C. Donnell for repairs to the buildings erected under a \$17,000,000 state building program a few years ago. The Senate appointed a committee to investigate the needs for action by the regular session meeting January 6.

But Miss Cobb said the \$350,000 would be included in Donnell's budget recommendations, based "on the report of architects and engineers employed to survey these conditions."

"This commission," Miss Cobb said, "reported to the governor that two buildings at the Marshall school for feeble minded alone will require temporary expenditures of \$85,000—which will be only a makeshift until priority bans are lifted permitting permanent roofing which will cost an estimated \$200,000."

A report on the other buildings has not been made, Miss Cobb said, "but it is reasonable to expect that they will require proportionate expenditures."

Legislators attacked Miss Cobb's \$250,000 estimate in the special session as "a figment of her imagination" unsupported by data on actual conditions and costs.

GOP Leaders On Different Sides Of Fence

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ferences have fallen, more or less naturally, into two camps: One Ferguson, the other Mattingly. Republicans identify themselves that way these days.

How does that touch the next legislature? The Republicans are going to control the next House of Representatives for the first time in years. They're going to be a Senate influence powerful enough to keep that chamber near a tie much of the time.

An Important Job

So the Senate Republican leader will be a powerful senator indeed. What'll wear that toga? Already the Republicans have held preliminary caucus. They can't agree. They want someone who can speak with equal authority for the entire party in party affairs.

But, so far, they haven't been able to escape the Mattingly vs. Ferguson issue. This Republican won't back so and so because he thinks he sees Mattingly's hand. That Republican won't back another fellow. He fears Ferguson control.

The two men have had no voice in the situation, publicly at least, but many Republicans think the Senate leadership selection may yet break into an open Mattingly vs. Ferguson fight for control. Many others still think the issue can be side-stepped. To them it is a straw man anyway. They think it doesn't exist.

But, nevertheless, it is the thing most Republicans are talking about. And if Ferguson Republicans and Mattingly-Republicans—rank and file—are so far apart now, what will it mean by the time the 1944 primary campaign is at hand?

Nation Has Wartime Christmas

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prisoners in the Philippines, which last Christmas was fighting Japanese invaders.

At home, despite rationing and some scarcities, fatter pocket books gave promise of ample Christmas dinners. And Junior, too, probably will find that Kris Kringle's pack is bulging with toys, though some may lack the shiny metal of other years.

Traffic Crowded

Thousands of soldiers and workers, who have been separated from their families, jammed trains and buses in a last-minute rush to get home for the holidays. There was standing room only on some lines, but few cared about that.

After dinner tonight, following tradition, the president will read aloud to the family and guests Dickens' Christmas Carol. Those expected to be present are Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., and her two children, Franklin III, and Christopher; Mrs. James Roosevelt of New York, the president's sister-in-law; Harry Botker, New York; and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hopkins and Hopkins' daughter, Diana.

On Christmas morning, the president and Mrs. Roosevelt and the family will attend services arranged by the Washington Federation of Churches. Presents will be opened in the afternoon and Mr. Roosevelt will carve the turkey at dinner in the evening.

For Class Ads, Phone 1000.

Red Cross To Go To Hospital

On Sunday afternoon, from 2:30 to 4 o'clock, the Pettis County Red Cross will be hosts at a Christmas party for soldiers, officers and orderlies at the air field hospital.

A Christmas tree donated, by the Red Cross, with its decorations donated by friends of the Red Cross, was placed in one of the wards Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. J. F. Downs, Mrs. Ed McLaughlin and Mrs. V. D. Tullis supervised the decorating.

The program was in charge of Mrs. Jack McLaughlin will consist of musical numbers, community singing and readings.

The Red Cross Canteen will serve ice cream and cake and distribute gifts and cigarettes. The Nurse's Aides committee will have the boys address Red Cross postcards to their families and the committee will write the families concerning the condition of the boys.

Transportation to and from the air field will be provided by individuals and motor corps.

U. S. Bombers Dump New Loads On Japs

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An allied reconnaissance plane, attacked by from six to nine fighters near Jacquinot bay, shot down one Japanese and plane and saw two others drop out of the fight trailing smoke. Two other enemy planes received slight damage.

Another head quarters announcement today told of the wounding of three United States brigadier generals.

Brig. Gen. Albert W. Waldron of Rochester, N. Y., shot through the shoulder when only 25 yards from the enemy's lines near Buna December 5, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by Gen. MacArthur for "extraordinary heroism in action."

Citation To Private

With his orderly, Private James Borman of Madison, Wis., Gen. Waldron had been knocked down by a Japanese grenade, but both got up unhurt and pressed toward the enemy, a spokesman said. While moving forward under heavy fire "with complete disregard for his own safety," the general was hit.

The citation said that "by his personal example, calm bearing and utter fearlessness, he inspired the men to greater effort." Waldron, now in an Australian hospital, praised Private Borman for his fearless action in helping him from the field.

Waldron, it was disclosed, was one of the officers who swam ashore several weeks ago after Japanese bombs sank their small boat off the New Guinea coast. Brig. Gen. Clovis E. Byers of Columbus, O., was hit on the hand by a sniper's bullet while leading an attack upon Buna village December 16.

Brig. Gen. Hanford MacNider of Mason City, Ia., received eight wounds from a Japanese grenade in November while with an American task force attacking Buna. All three officers are expected to recover, a spokesman said.

Need Workmen At Air Base

While numerous categories of civilian employment have been filled recently at the 535th Sub Depot, U. S. Army Air Base, west of Sedalia, there is a crying need for electricians, radio repairmen, qualified internal combustion engine mechanics, storekeepers, stock keepers, and stock checkers, according to Capt. Paul Kemper, commanding officer of the Sub Depot.

Applicants in the above classifications who desire civilian employment in the above classifications are asked to call at the U. S. Employment office in Sedalia, or write their qualifications to Commanding Officer, 325th Sub Depot, U. S. Army Air Base, Warrensburg, Mo.

Coffee Dealers Must Fill Out Blanks

All retailers and wholesalers of roasted coffee must fill out OPA form R-1202 on or before December 31, 1942 and either mail or present in person to the local War Price and Rationing Board having jurisdiction over the area in which the principal business office of the person reporting is located. The Pettis county board has a supply of these forms which can be obtained by calling at the office in the court house reports Judge J. E. Smith, chairman of the Pettis County Rationing board.

Judge Smith states the rationing board office will be closed all day Friday, December 25, 1942, in order that clerks may observe Christmas Day.

Son Born To Mr. And Mrs. Palmer Nichols

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Nichols, 622 East Seventeenth street, are parents of a seven and a half pound son born Wednesday afternoon at the Bothwell hospital. Mrs. Nichols was before her marriage Miss Violet Turner, and Mr. Palmer is an employee at the Missouri Pacific shops.

Obituaries

David Samuel Smith

David Samuel Smith, aged 73 years, passed away at 8:20 o'clock Wednesday evening at his home, 627 East Thirtieth street.

Mr. Smith was a retired railroad shopman, having retired in 1937. He has been in failing health since that time and for the past five months has been bedfast. He was married to Elizabeth Carroll on November 27, 1891.

Surviving are two sons, Clarence W. Smith, of the home, E. J. Smith, of Sedalia, and a step-son, John Woods, of Kansas City. A son, Wilbur, died in April of this year and Mrs. Smith preceded him in death in February 1934. Also surviving are five grandchildren and six great grandchildren, two brothers, Walter of Sedalia and John of Battle Creek, Mich., four sisters, Mrs. Katherine Cone, Sedalia, Mrs. W. Reinert, Kansas City, Mrs. Celeste Williams, Sedalia, Mrs. Charles Hunicutt, Garland, Wyo.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Gillespie funeral home with Rev. Ralph E. Hurd, pastor of the Epworth Methodist church to officiate.

Palbearers will be Rufus Rogers, Joe Latham, Charles Buchanan, Miller Eaton, Ellis Collins and Amos Franklin.

The body was taken to Gillespies and will be returned to the home at 9 o'clock Friday morning.

Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Funeral of Mrs. S. E. Paul

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Etta Paul, 81, who passed away at the Home for Aged Baptists, at Ironton, December 17, were held Saturday afternoon at the Mt. Moriah church, with the Rev. H. W. Allee officiating.

Mrs. Paul was born September 26, 1861, five miles south of Clarkburg, the daughter of the late George W. and Maremma Robertson.

In 1909 she was united in marriage with the late James M. Paul. Early in life she joined the Mt. Moriah Baptist church, later transferring her membership to Clarkburg Baptist church.

Although she had been in failing health for the past several months, it was only during the past few weeks that she went to the Home in Ironton.

Survivors are: two sisters, Mrs. Wilson Williams, of Clarkburg, and Mrs. Birdie Jones, of Jennings, Kas.; two brothers, T. J. Robertson, of Tipton, and Olin Robertson, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and a number of other more distant relatives.

Funeral of Mrs. Voelkel

Funeral services for Mrs. Sally Emma Voelkel, 1211 East Broadway, who passed away Tuesday, were held at the Gillespie funeral home at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon with Rev. J. N. Darnell, pastor of the East Sedalia Christian church to officiate with Rev. Oscar J. Rumpf, pastor of the Emmanuel Evangelical and Reformed church, assisting.

Music was furnished by Burney Morris and I. H. Reed singing "The Old Ragged Cross," and "In the Garden," with Mrs. Mae Morgan at the organ.

Palbearers were Henry Olmstead, Morris Bailey, Edgar Neighbors, George Chamberlain, John Petty and George Young.

Burial was in Crown Hill cemetery.

Russians Continue Across Don Steppes Unchecked By Axis

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has during the last fortnight of the first Russian offensive this winter—clashes for dugouts and machine gun nests, scouting activity and raids on trenches. Northwest of Stalingrad eight German planes were brought down in an air duel, it was claimed.

West of Moscow, on the Rzhev-Vyazma-Velikiye Luki front, the communists pictured continued German attempts to counterattack with Soviet artillery fire forcing them to retreat with losses.

Plane Strikes Automobile

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The state highway patrol said today a plane from the Norman aviation base was believed to be the one which struck an automobile between Guthrie and Perry in a freak accident yesterday.

Aged Kansas Citian Dies Wednesday Night

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Mrs. Melcina A. Jones, 92, died last night at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. E. R. Boyle, south of Grain Valley, Mo.

The widow of the late Gilbert F. Jones was born in Cooper county where she spent most of her life.

Survivors are: D. W. Jones, Clovis, N. M.; L. F. Jones, Comanche, Okla., and R. L. Jones, Marshall Mo., her sons; three daughters, Mrs. E. E. Amick, Kansas City, Mrs. E. F. Davis, Bunceton, Mo., and Mrs. C. D. Wells of Grain Valley.

Letters C. E. Ferguson

Letters were issued on the estate of J. D. Ferguson in probate court today to C. E. Ferguson.

Collusion On Rent Ceilings Law Violation

Law Is Designed To Protect Tenants From Each Other

Tenants in the Sedalia defense-rental area, comprising Pettis and Johnson counties, were advised today by Samuel P. Harlan, attorney-examiner, that any collusion with landlords to evade the rent ceilings is a violation of the federal law and carries the same penalties as other violations.

Harlan pointed out that one of the principal reasons for rent control is to keep tenants from bidding against each other for housing accommodations, and when a piece of property becomes vacant in an area where shortages exist there is usually a tendency on the part of some renters to offer more than the legal rent in order to secure a lease.

To Protect Tenants

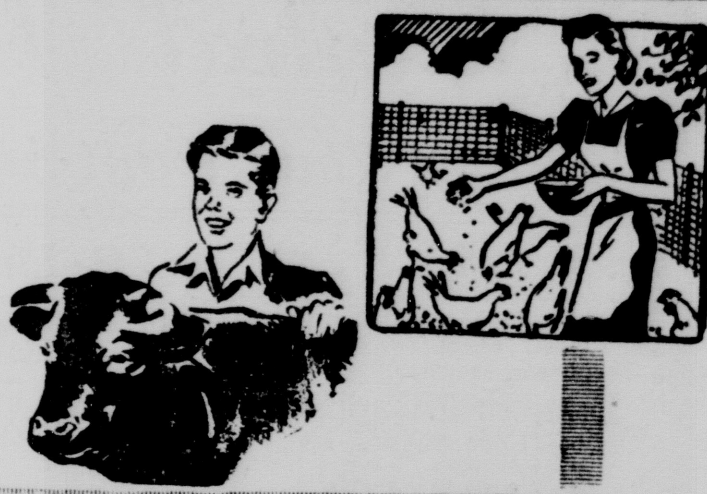
"We wish to emphasize that the rent control law is designed to protect tenants against each other, as well as to protect them against unscrupulous landlords who take advantage of housing shortages and boost rents," Harlan said. "In other words, it would be grossly unfair for a war worker making \$75 per week to 'bid' against a citizen making only \$35 per week and thereby cause an increase in the rent of the property both are seeking to rent."

The first week of rent control in the Sedalia area found tenants and landlords alike fully aware that rent for any housing accommodation in Pettis and Johnson counties is not to exceed the March 1 levels, Harlan reported.



Farm News and Features of Interest to . . .

The Central Missouri Farmer



Fewer Machines For Farm Work In Coming Year

With Limit On Them Greater Part Is To Be Under Rationing

According to information received recently by the Pettis County Farm Machinery Rationing Committee, the War Production Board has released 23 percent as much raw material for the manufacture of new farm equipment for 1943 as 1940. At the same time the War Production Board has released 135 percent as much raw material for the manufacture of repair parts for farm machines for 1943 as 1940. This indicates that there will be fewer new machines and less repair parts available in 1943 than in 1942. With a limited amount of new machines available it means that most farm equipment will be rationed.

All farmers desiring to purchase machines on the rationed list must file their applications with the chairman of the Farm Machinery Rationing committee in the Triple-A Office.

Each county will be given a quota or allotment of farm machines that can be purchased by farmers to whom certificates have been issued. The Machinery Rationing Committee can not issue certificates of purchase in excess of the county quota. Pettis county quotas on the machines on which quotas have been established are: Horse drawn other than row planters—5; Tractor drawn row planters—1; Listers (with and without planting attachments)—1; Grain drills—5; Lime spreaders—1; Spike tooth harrow—10; Spring tooth harrow—6; Disk harrow—14; One horse cultivator—1; Riding cultivators—1; Tractor drawn cultivators—12; Wheel type tractors—12; Farm wagons—16; Horse drawn mowers—3; Tractor drawn mowers—9; Dump rakes—2; Side delivery rakes—3; Grain binders—1; Combines (6 feet and less)—14; Corn binders—1; Corn pickers—1; Ensilage cutters—1; Endgate broadcast seeders—1; Sweep rakes—1; Feed grinders—hammer mill—4; Feed grinders—burr type—1; and Farm elevators—1. As soon as quotas are established on other machines they will be announced by the County Farm Machinery Rationing Committee.

Standards Of Use

In order to secure the most efficient use of farm machines or equipment, standards of use have been set up by the War Production Board as a guide for the County Farm Machinery Rationing committee in approving applications and certifying certificates of purchase under the existing machinery and equipment shortage.

For example, according to the standards set up the average annual use for horse drawn spike tooth harrows should be 9 acres per foot of width and for tractor drawn spike tooth harrow 12 acres per foot of width. Such machines as spike tooth harrows are used to cover the same land more than once in the same season. In the case of harrows—if a 30 acre field is harrowed once it is 30 acres covered, when harrowed twice it is 60 acres covered and when harrowed three times it is 90 acres covered. This provision applies to machines which cover the same land more than once in the same cropping season.

In addition to farm machinery, farm fencing including barb wire, poultry netting, poultry flooring, woven or welded wire fence, such as hog and cattle fence and poultry fence are on the rationed list. 50 percent of the normal rodage of farm fence will be produced in 1943 however, the farm fence manufactured will be lighter in weight.

According to information, nails are now being produced at the rate of 74 thousand tons per month for essential construction. Eight thousand tons of bale ties are being produced per month. Lumber is now a critical material, production is less than use. Mill stocks have decreased from 16.4 billion feet to 4.6 billion feet. The new burlap bags that will be available for 1943 will be only those which can be made from the burlap that is now in this country. Cotton bags will be manufactured as a substitute for burlap bags however they will be lighter in weight and higher in cost.

The manufacture of tin cans are under regulations however 4 billion glass jars and jar rubbers are being produced for use in home canning for 1943.

Information on the machines included in the rationed list may

More Poultry And Eggs In 1943 Needed

Poultry raisers of this county will receive timely help on their poultry production in 1943 through ten weekly lessons by radio to be broadcast each Saturday from January 2 until March 6 from station KMBC of Kansas City. The lessons will be given by C. E. Rohde, extension poultryman of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture.



C. E. Rohde

Enrollment blanks may be obtained at the county agent's office. All persons enrolling will also receive lesson outlines and may send in questions to Mr. Rohde for personal answer. The time of broadcast each Saturday will be 12:30 to 12:45. The lessons are a part of the program of the College of Agriculture to help farmers in their big job of wartime production.

Known as the Victory Poultry Production course, the lessons will be as follows: (1) Victory poultry planning for 1943, (2) Winter management of laying hens, (3) Producing eggs that hatch, (4) What are quality chicks, (5) More poultry dollars and extra meat, (6) Everyday problems in chick brooding, (7) Raising better pullets—easier, (8) Poultry pasture for profitable pullets, (9) Marketing more poultry meat, (10) Improving poultry health and profits.

Many of the commercially prepared cereals now on the market have also been fortified or enriched by replacement of some of the elements removed in the milling process. These are likewise labeled "enriched." The amount of minerals and vitamins put in varies with the brand, but the label may be checked to determine its nutritive value in comparison with that of the whole grain.—Flora L. Carl and Letha Knight Jopling, University of Missouri College of Agriculture.

Conference On Soils Feb. 11

The 19th annual Pettis county Soils and Crops Conference will be held on February 11. The Soils and Crops Committee, composed of George R. Wilkerson, chairman; William J. Lamm, Vice-Chairman; E. C. Stevens, Secretary; and Marvin Goodwin, Registrar, will hold a meeting in the near future to plan this year's annual conference program.

The program this year will feature increased production for war which means the most efficient use of land, labor, machinery, and other farm resources that will increase production to help meet war needs.

J. Ross Fleetwood, Extension Specialist in Field Crops, will represent the Missouri College of Agriculture and assist in leading the discussion at this important conference.

With the Boys In . . .

Nelson

MRS. J. W. COX

Mrs. Harvey Jopling, of Columbia, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jopling until Wednesday when she will go to visit her parents, near Springfield.

John Thornton reports to his parents that he has been transferred from Miami Beach to Officers Training School at Harvard University, Boston, Mass. He has met DeWitt Such, who is also at Harvard. John will graduate in May with a commission.

Charles Conaway, who has been at Fort Leonard Wood for over a year, has been sent to California to practice desert warfare.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peterson have received through San Francisco a message from their son, George, who is in the navy.

Mrs. E. J. Brommer and son, Billy, came from Boonville Thursday and visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Taylor until Saturday. Billy has almost recovered from injuries received in battle and will return to service soon.

The Baptist ladies cleared

Early Mending Patriotic Act

Now that homemakers are staying home, the mending basket should be getting empty and gaining ground. The old saying, "A stitch in time saves nine," will hold true. When the homemaker has time to keep ahead of the mending basket, she will be saving materials as well as satisfying herself. Early mending is a patriotic act. It saves material.

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Next Week In The Kitchen

Unfamiliar Foods May Be Good Foods

Food prejudices are hard to overcome. Children grow up thinking that foods not served in their homes are unnatural for human beings to eat. Different countries take different foods for granted as part of the every day life. Kidney pie and broiled kidney have long been favorite dishes in England but are rarely served in rural Missouri. Sweet breads have long been favorites in city tea rooms and restaurants but they are not always used by families who butcher their own animals. The famous Philadelphia Pepper Pot Soup is made from tripe, the muscular section of the first and second stomachs of the beef.

One of the best ways to insure a good diet is to eat a variety of foods. One way to have a wider variety of foods is to develop an interest in unusual foods. Most of us miss many good things simply because we refuse to try the new or unfamiliar. One can learn to appreciate different foods even as he learns to appreciate other things.

School Lunches

Many rural children still carry their lunches to school. The contents of these lunch boxes need to have the right kind of food to carry the children through the school day of physical and mental activities.

A good pattern for a lunch box is a substantial sandwich with a filling of meat, cheese, egg, fish, peanut butter, baked beans, or a substantial food with bread and butter; a succulent food such as salad, vegetable sandwich, raw or cooked vegetable or a fruit; milk to be drunk in the form of milk, soup, cocoa, custard, or other milk pudding; fruit or fruit juice, and something sweet.

In a really excellent school lunch there is something hot. Unless a hot dish is prepared at school it is well to carry something from home in a thermos bottle.

Whole Wheat for Calcium, Iron, and Vitamins

Whole wheat cleaned, soaked, and cooked until tender makes a delicious cereal and it may be used in chowders and casseroles. If it is added to cookies, muffins, or cup cakes it gives a delicious nutty flavor and chewy texture.

By grinding the whole wheat in a mill, or a food chopper the time needed for cooking and for eating the cereal is greatly reduced. This ground wheat is especially delicious and nutritious if cooked in milk in place of water. It is then

called a porridge and is often served for supper or luncheon rather than for breakfast. If the whole wheat is toasted in a cool oven—300 F.—for about an hour before it is ground or cooked it gives a different and a very delicious cereal.

Whole wheat served as a cereal or ground and used as a flour is an excellent source of strength or energy food, a good source of iron, and of vitamin B. These minerals are essential for vigor and stamina. Wheat contains considerable protein or muscle building food materials, also. If milk is used with the wheat the protein of the wheat is made more effective. For this reason whole wheat bread and milk are a highly recommended in expensive combination.

Roasting Chicken, Duck, Turkey, or Guinea

Ninety-nine per cent of our American families like to have roast fowl for company dinner. The time-honored way to cook a fowl is to roast it. Roast fowl looks good, tastes good, and is good for you. This year there are two special reasons for serving roast turkey, duck, guinea, goose, or chicken. First, poultry "spares" the meat which can be shipped to our armed forces and allies and second, the dressing which is practically always served with the roast fowl makes it possible to serve more people from one bird and so this method of cooking fits in with the Share-the-Meat thought.

Roast is one of the easiest ways of cooking meat. If the oven is one that will hold an even low temperature there is nothing one needs to do to the roast after it is put in the oven except to turn it once and to take it out when it is done. There is no need to keep looking at the roasting bird, to baste it, or to punch or poke it about. If one uses a meat thermometer, the thermometer will indicate the degree of doneness and one can estimate rather accurately the time when the meat will be ready to serve. There are so many things to do that this easy way to prepare the main dish of the company dinner is a help.

In deciding on the size of the chicken or turkey needed to serve the family and guests, estimate ¾ lb. to 1 lb. of dressed weight for each person. A turkey that weighs 12 lbs. when dressed will serve from 12 to 15 hungry people.

Only young well fatted birds should be roasted. If the bird is old or poorly finished braise it—that is, put the lid on the roasting

pan and cook it with moist rather than with dry heat.

Appetizers for Dinner

Colorful fruit juice or fruit cups are good appetizers for dinner. Save steps when you are both cook and hostess, too, by serving your fruit juice with the main course rather than as a first course. Place it, served in small glasses, to the right and a little below each water glass.

In making up your own fruit cup combination, do not use too many fruits. Be sure, too, to choose fruits that give a pleasing contrast in color, texture, and flavor. It is well to prepare fruit cups and fruit juice ahead of time and let the flavors mingle while they chill until serving time. Grape, pineapple, lemon, lime, or cranberry juice as well as ginger ale, cider, or carbonated water add color and flavor when poured over the cut up fruit.

Finishing the Christmas Turkey
When the remainder of the Christmas turkey is taken from the table it may appear that there is little left of the bird, but the remaining meat may be the foundation for a variety of good dishes both hot and cold.

Some of the dishes which may be prepared are turkey à la king, savory creamed turkey loaf, turkey croquettes, turkey soufflé, turkey timbales, or turkey chop suey. Cold dishes might include jellied turkey, club sandwiches, and turkey salad.

Community News From

Knob Noster

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hughes, of Hutchinson, Kas., arrived in Knob Noster Tuesday. Mr. Hughes will make her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Lay, for the duration of the war, and Mr. Hughes expects to join the armed services soon.

Pvt. Mont Kendrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kendrick, who is stationed in Hawaii, is now in Australia.

Bob Carr, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Carr, has enlisted as a naval aviation cadet in the U. S. Naval Reserve, and was sworn in at the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board, in Kansas City.

Sgt. George Brammer, who is with the Ferry Division of the Army Air Transport Command, and just returned from a trip overseas, came Wednesday from his base at Memphis, Tenn., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Brammer, and son, Billy.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simons returned to their home in Chicago Monday after spending several days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Simons and other relatives.

The following officers were re-elected at the regular meeting of the Masonic Lodge Thursday evening: A. S. Adcock, worshipful master; Frank House, senior warden; Walter Sibert, junior warden; H. A. Wimer, secretary; and Fred Jenks, treasurer.

Miss Louise Markman, of Warrensburg, and Lawrence Fuller, of south of Knob Noster, were married Saturday afternoon in Warrensburg by the Rev. George Jones, minister of the Christian church. They were accompanied by the groom's sister, Miss Virginia Fuller, and Gilbert Kuhlman. For the present, they will make their home with Mr. Fuller's mother, Mrs. Will Fuller, on a farm south of town.

A one-act play, "Christmas at the Casey's," by Jesse Ford, was given by the senior class at the regular Christmas assembly at the school auditorium Thursday afternoon. Eileen Kendrick gave a reading, and Roberta Robinson read the old legend, "The Little Match Girl." Ethel Lane read the Christmas Story.

School will be dismissed Thursday afternoon, December 24, for the Christmas vacation, and classes will be resumed January 4.

Miss Dorothy Bobbitt, who entered the service as a navy nurse, was honored Saturday evening by her mother, Mrs. Virgie Bobbitt, and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Boyd, with a dinner at the Boyd Cafe. Guests were: Miss Bobbitt, her sister, Sue Bobbitt, Martha Lou Boyd, Roberta Robinson, Bill Peterson, and the following soldiers from the air base: Marcus Cuddy, of Washington, D. C.; Sammy Herkowitz, of Detroit, Mich.; Harlan Pearce, of New Orleans; Joe Graham and George Davis, of Ohio; and Glen Willford, of Georgia.

Estil Lee Currutt, of Kansas City, accompanied by Miss Thelma Dien, of Kansas City, spent Saturday night and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Karl Swisher and family, north of town.

Time To Prepare Brooding Operations

Time is more likely to be available now to prepare for brooding operations than in later weeks. It will be especially wise to check

Information On Dairying

Dairymen of Pettis county can obtain valuable suggestions dealing with dairy production in 1943 by listening to a radio program to be broadcast each Saturday from January 2 until March 6 over station KMBC, Kansas City.

Timely information and answers to questions will be provided by M. J. Regan, extension dairyman of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture. The program will be from 12:45 to 1 o'clock each Saturday afternoon and will immediately follow a similar one dealing with poultry information.



M. J. Regan

The program has been named "Victory Dairy Production" and on successive Saturdays it will deal with the following material: Dairy production in Missouri and our war needs; increasing milk production for the year; care of cows at feeding time; bringing heifers into wartime production; saving labor in milk production; good pasture provides cheap milk and more of it; cow and herd health; avoid waste of dairy products; grow better calves—sell more milk.

This program and the one dealing with poultry are a part of the efforts of the Missouri College of Agriculture to help farmers in obtaining maximum wartime production.

all brooding equipment and order needed repairs immediately. If more feeders could be used to advantage, these should be built or the new wartime fiberboard feeders ordered or secured. Roosting frames and range feeders can be built or repaired. The range shelter might be brought in for use as a sun porch, and the brooder house cleaned and disinfected. If a range shelter is not included in your equipment, it should, above everything else, be built during the season when other work is less pressing.

Care For Rubber Very Important

Certain rubber articles should now be put in proper storage for winter months. Garden hose heads the list for proper storage. The kinks should be straightened out and the hose stored on a reel or coiled on a flat dry surface. Hot water bottles, ice packs and syringes should be dried thoroughly away from heat, wrapped in heavy paper or lay in a box. There should be no sharp bends or sharp objects to cut it.

Wringer rolls should have the pressure released after each washing. The rolls should be wiped clean and dry before storing.

Although boots, galoshes, and rubbers are not stored during the winter, their care should be most important. They should be cleaned with warm water, dried with a cloth or in a cool, airy place and kept in a cool place when not in use. Precaution should be taken not to set rubbers near a stove as intense heat is very harmful.

In general, the enemies of rubber are heat, light, oil, grease, tar, copper, and dry cleaning fluids if left on longer than 2 or 3 minutes.

Apple Stuffing

5 tart apples, diced

¼ cup diced salt pork

½ cup chopped celery

½ cup chopped onion

¼ cup chopped parsley

½ cup sugar

2 cups fine dry bread crumbs

Fry the salt pork until crisp, and remove the pieces from the skillet. Cook the celery, onion, and parsley in the fat for a few minutes and remove them. Put the apples into the skillet, sprinkle with the sugar, cover, and cook until tender, then remove the lid and continue to cook until the juice evaporates and the pieces of apples are candied. Add the other ingredients to the apples. Use as any dressing.

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Pleasant View PTA Meeting

The Pleasant View P.T.A. held its meeting December 22 at the school house, at which the following Christmas program was presented:

Recitation, "A Welcome" -

Dawny Duffy.

Play, "The Christmas Shep-

herds"

Song, "I Heard the Bells" -

Marjorie Davis.

Recitation, "A Letter to Santa" -

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Dec. 24.—(P)—Florida is going to miss having the major league baseball clubs down next spring but it's worth the disappointment if it helps win the war, "Sunshine" Al Lang, the state's ambassador of baseball, said today.

The former mayor of St. Petersburg, who made his enthusiasm as a baseball fan pay dividends for the whole state, was directly or indirectly responsible for bringing a dozen big league teams to Florida for training last spring.

Big welcomes had been planned for the world champion St. Louis Cardinals and the New York Yankees, who have prepped here in recent years. Today the training grounds of the Cards and Yanks are being used as drill fields for Uncle Sam's soldiers. The two top flight teams of 1942 have joined the exodus of major leaguers away from the warmer climes of Florida and California, and, with others, are shopping for sites farther north. Training camp changes followed a suggestion by Joseph B. Eastman, director of the Office of Defense Transportation, that baseball clubs should reduce travel as much as possible.

Train At Hot Springs

Meanwhile, it appeared that the Pittsburgh Pirates and the St. Louis Browns would train next spring at Hot Springs, Ark., if their managements followed the recommendations of Blake Harper of St. Louis, who surveyed facilities there for them and the two Chicago major league clubs. The four teams trained in California last spring.

Harper, concessions manager at Sportsman's Park, St. Louis, said last night that only two of four fields in the Arkansas resort city could be prepared adequately by spring, and that he was recommending that the Chicago Cubs and White Sox seek other spring quarters.

James T. Gallagher, general manager of the Cubs, said in Chicago that his club was considering the possibility of a site in the Midwest. The White Sox management plans to locate a new camp near the Cub base.

May Go To Yale

The Brooklyn Dodgers, who gave up plans to train at West Palm Beach, Fla., may unlimber in Yale's huge Coxie memorial baseball cage, Harold F. Woodcock, the university's A. A. business manager, said last night. He related that he had discussed the possibility with President Branch Rickey of the Dodgers in New York. The army is not expected to use the cage when it takes over Yale properties next month for the armed forces college training plan.

The Boston Braves will not train at Sanford, Fla., and President Bob Quinn mentioned some North Carolina city as a likely new site. General Manager Eddie Collins of the Boston Red Sox likewise announced that the American league team would not return to Sarasota, Fla., and was considering a North or South Carolina camp. The Philadelphia Athletics have given up the west coast for Savannah, Ga., and the New York Giants are quitting Miami for a possible North Carolina location.

Ford Frick, president of the National league, said in New York he didn't believe it would be necessary to postpone the 1943 baseball opening, set for April 13, because of the limited training season.

Sports Mirror

By The Associated Press
Today A Year Ago—Ivan Williamson, assistant for eight years, mentioned as likely successor to Spike Nelson as head football coach at Yale.

Three Years Ago—Cecilio Garcia, New York recognized middleweight champion, stopped Glen Lee in 12th round of scheduled 15-round title fight at Manila.

Five Years Ago—Cecil Smith, ten-goal polo star, received broken collarbone in fall during match at Mexico City.

Farris Referee In Cotton Bowl Game

DALLAS, Dec. 24.—(P)—Jeff Farris, veteran Southwest conference official, today was designated as referee for the cotton bowl game between Texas and Georgia Tech.

Umpire will be A. Paul Melton, Baltimore newspaperman, a graduate of Loyola.

Lt. Comdr. Barry Holton, an alumnus of Notre Dame, will be headlinesman and L. J. Perry of Reedsville, N. C., an Elon graduate, field judge.

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Sports Roundup

BY HUGH FULLERTON, JR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(P)—

Looks as if 80-year-old Connie Mack had younger ideas than most of the gents who run major league ball clubs... Connie was, as usual, a thought ahead when he moved the Athletics out of California and into Savannah, Ga., which is a lot nearer home and was a good enough training spot when the A's won the 1911 pennant... Our guess is that the Browns and Pirates will grab off Hot Springs, but the other clubs still are looking or waiting for orders to git... The Cubs investigated French Lick, Ind., and found it had everything but a ball park. Rumors in the past few days have had the Dodgers training everywhere from New Orleans to the Boston college field house, but a good bet right now is that they'll take Al Mamaux's offer of the Seton Hall college layout in South Orange, N. J.

Turnabout

When Burke M. Gillespie deserted the sports desk of the Council Bluffs, Ia., nonpareil to volunteer for the armed services (he was the first volunteer out of Council Bluffs) Frank Lane took over the sports editing task... After a year in service, Sgt. Gillespie returned to his old job when Lane enlisted in the naval reserves as a photographer... Lane spent about eight months in the navy at Norfolk, Va., and in the air corps at Sioux City, Ia., then was sent home on inactive duty... A few weeks later Gillespie was recalled to the army, so now it's sports editor Lane again until Frank gets further orders from the air corps.

Today's Guest Star

BRONKO KUHLE, Borger (Tex.) Daily Herald: "We now see what is meant by the phrase, 'sports now geared to all out war'—the teams are all out of players, out of coaches, out of travel facilities and out of record-breaking crowds."

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Ted Williams Of Red Sox Holds Title

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CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(P)—Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox was the leader, without a close rival, in batting in runs and receiving bases on balls during the 1942 American League season, official statistics showed today. Thus Ted had these honors to add to his leading batting average of 3.56 and his high totals of 141 runs scored and 36 home runs.

The nearest anyone came to Williams' total of 137 runs batted in was Joe Di Maggio of New York, who had 114. Other R. B. I. men were Charlie Keller of New York, 108, Joe Gordon of New York, 103, and Bobby Doerr of Boston, 102.

Di Maggio was the top man last year with 125 and Williams was fourth with 120 behind Cleveland Jeff Heath's 123 and Keller's 122. Williams received 145 bases on balls, with the next best marks being 114 by Keller and 106 by Les Fleming of Cleveland.

Gordon, Yankee second baseman, struck out the most times, 95, and grounded into double plays the most times, 22. Keller, in hitting into twin killings five times, tied the league record for the fewest in 150 or more games.

Frank Crosetti of the Yankees, who was hit by pitchers more times than any other player for six straight years, only to yield this battered crown to Phil Rizzuto in 1941, won back the title last season when he was winged nine times.

The Yankees, in their surge to the league pennant, won the team title for runs batted in with 744. The Red Sox tied the league record for hitting into the fewest double plays with 94 over the season. The Philadelphia

Athletics, who hit into five twin killings in one game against the Yankees August 14, are believed to have set a new record.

Soldier And Girl Dead In Cabin

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 24.—(P)—A soldier absent without leave from Fort Leonard Wood and a 17-year-old girl were found dead in a tourist cabin here Wednesday night.

Another soldier—also AWOL—and a 16-year-old girl were found unconscious in the same cabin and were taken to a hospital where their condition was pronounced serious.

Dr. E. E. Mansur, Cole county coroner, said they were "apparently overcome by fumes from a gas heater."

Police said Fort Leonard Wood officials identified the dead soldier as Private August Biondi and the other soldier as Private John W. Brush, both absent without leave from the army post since Nov. 25. Their home towns were not learned immediately.

Police identified the dead girl as Mary Begley, 17, and the other girl as Evelyn Jacobs, 16 both of Jefferson City.

For Judge From West Missouri

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—(P)—Sen. Harry S. Truman said Wednesday that, if he could, he would see to it that the newly created federal judgeship for Missouri went to the western side of the state.

At the same time Truman, home for Christmas holidays, explained that he and Senator Bennett Clark Missouri's senior senator, hoped to get together on recommendations to be made later on the new judgeship.

He added that he and Clark had not yet discussed the subject. While the bill creating the judgeship was passed by the recent

Capture 'Possum In Hen House

"Hurry with the police, thieves are in our chicken house!" came through a call to the police at 11:10 o'clock Wednesday night asking they rush to 2212 South Ohio avenue.

Officers Burger, Hilton and O'Brien in the police car made a speedy trip there and finding the chicken house some little distance from the residence started a surrounding movement with their hands firmly grasped on

their "fortyfive" calibre police pistols ready to halt the supposed prowler when he emerged. They heard squawks from the fowls in the henery and advancing steadily might possibly a flashlight thought locate the "thief."

To their amazement they gazed down on a large opossum that they took in tow and returned to police headquarters with their captive.

Title For More Air Base Land

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—(P)—Federal Judge Merrill E. Otis Wednesday vested title to 160 additional acres of Johnson county, Mo., land in the U. S. government, for construction of the Sedalia-Warrensburg army air force glider station. The total seized for the project is now 2,500 acres.

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Seven Lose Lives In Crossing Collision

PRINCETON, Ill., Dec. 24.—(P)—

Bound for a Christmas party, seven persons were killed Wednesday when their automobile and a fast Denver-bound Burlington train collided near here.

The dead were William Clam, about 35, his wife, about 25; and their three children, Josephine, 8; Harry Roger, 4; and Virginia Lee, 2; Mrs. Charles Jackson, 54, and her grandchild, Lola Neff, 6, all live here.

The wrecked auto, in which the body of the youngest Clam girl was found, was dragged into Princeton.

Jewish Soldiers To Take Over K. P. Christmas

CAMP ATTERBURY, Ind., Dec. 24.—(P)—Corporal Reuben Shilman is an ingenious fellow and the entire 8th general hospital personnel is very happy that he is.

Everyone was dreading the assignment to kitchen police on Christmas day of all day, so Corporal Shilman came through with an idea.

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OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. WILLIAMS



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American Troops Now In Dakar

DAKAR, French West Africa, Dec. 24—(P)—American troops now are in Dakar, nerve center of all French West Africa and the port which repulsed a combined British and Fighting French attack in September, 1940.

The khaki-clad Yanks arrived quietly and went to work beside their new French allies without any waste of time.

They came by plane and ship, and in one case by jeep. Notable demonstrations greeted their arrival, but there was little cheering, possibly because there was no marching or suitable opportunity.

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Nurses And WAACS Create Furore At Mess

Varied Comment In Greetings In North Africa

By HAROLD V. BOYLE

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN North Africa, Dec. 24—(P)—The arrival of 31 American army nurses and five WAAC officers has created a feminine oasis at allied headquarters, where until now the art of war has been practiced on a strictly masculine basis.

The appearance at the officers' mess of the young women had immediate repercussions.

When they first entered the long private dining room, looking as neat and fresh in their military garb as a Monday morning wash, all conversation halted momentarily. Heads of generals and second lieutenants alike turned as if they were on the same pivot to watch the women march a little self consciously to their table.

Gray haired colonels, who usually gnaw their rations in grumpy austerity dusted off their military gallantry and shamelessly sabotaged officers of lesser rank to get seats near the newcomers.

"You know," said a major, "I never knew before how much it can mean to a man just to sit across the table from a young woman who speaks his own language."

"After six weeks of army life in Africa, you forget there is another world with women in it as well as men."

"Peticoat Soldiers"

The major's reaction was typical, but one elderly general merely gazed dourly at the feminine contingent and remarked:

"I don't know what's happening to war anyway. We never had anything like this before. Peticoat soldiers! Pass the potatoes."

The WAACS have one privilege denied male officers. They can eat with their military caps on, and they do.

How to introduce them has been something of a problem in social-military etiquette. Fellow officers the first time usually burble out something like "Miss Smith, this is General Jones, er, er, I mean General Jones, uh, uh, meet Lieutenant Smith."

Both the nurses and the WAACS have been besieged with dinner invitations and offers of assistance.

The alert American press scored an initial scoop when two foreign correspondents took all five WAACS for their first dinner at a French restaurant. Army air corps officers also were taken along after they begged to join the party and pledged they would pay for the food, buy the wine and get the correspondents a free airplane ride home after the war.

"Listen, if you'll fix me up with a date with that pretty little blonde—the lieutenant with the dimples—I'll wrap you up a bomber right now," said one flier,

U. S. Bombers In Damaging Rangoon Raid

Softening-Up Attack Ahead Of British Troops

NEW DELHI, Dec. 24—(P)—Cas-

cading bombs upon widely separated targets, American and British raiders have struck powerful new blows at Rangoon and Akyab in softening-up raids ahead of British troops moving down the Burma coast while carrier-borne British naval planes assaulted the westernmost Japanese base in the Netherlands Indies far to the south.

These allied attacks, carried out over an ever-broadening arc of the Indian ocean against only scant enemy opposition, caught the Japanese flatfooted or showed that they now were surrendering air superiority, or both.

U. S. army air force headquarters announced that in two destructive assaults on Rangoon Sunday and a third yesterday attacking flying fortresses were challenged by only two enemy fighters and the British naval craft met little or no opposition in their attack Sunday night on the Japanese oil and supply base at Sabang, on the small island of We off the northern tip of Sumatra in the Netherlands East Indies.

There was speculation that the Sabang raid was made by planes launched from the 23,000-ton carrier Illustrious, reported two months ago to be operating in the Bay of Bengal.

Akyab, on the Bay of Bengal some 270 miles northwest of Rangoon, was pounded by day and night yesterday and there, as at Rangoon, military establishments and shipping facilities were set on fire. British forces driving down the coast are pointing at Akyab in the first allied land drive designed to win back Burma and reopen the lifeline to China.

Bomb Calcutta Again

The Japanese bombed Calcutta again for the third time in a row. But it was announced officially that only three bombers participated and that two of them were hit by allied night fighters. Twenty-five persons were killed and less than 100 injured in the three enemy attacks.

In the absence of official word on the progress of General Sir Archibald P. Wavell's land forces striking down through Burma since Sunday it was assumed they were continuing to thread their way cautiously through jungle and mangrove swamps which line the coast for great distances from Akyab.

Dispatches earlier in the week from India said the British had occupied Alethang-Yow, placing them within 50 miles of Akyab, but they have much tortuous going yet to get to that air and sea base which, in enemy hands, has been a perpetual threat to Calcutta.

American headquarters announced that fortresses making the three raids in force on Rangoon each time left airdrome buildings, rail yards and docks blazing.

In other attacks, American medium bombers bombed enemy-used rail lines in central Burma.

The spreading allied aerial campaign appeared to be all part of a drive to throw the enemy out of Burma in a first step toward liberating all of southeast Asia.

Sabang, 800 miles from Ceylon, was the first reported target of the allies in the Indies since the Japanese seized those islands. The port had a pre-war population of 6,500 natives and 300 Europeans. It possesses a large natural harbor and before its fall served as coal- ing station and export and import center for all northwest Sumatra.

Low Flying Plane Strikes Auto

GUTHRIE, Okla., Dec. 24—(P)—Mrs. John A. Bailey, Winfield, Kas., told state patrolman Jack Robinson Wednesday a low-flying plane struck and damaged her automobile as she drove along a highway between here and Perry.

Robinson said farmers in the vicinity who witnessed the queer accident reported that there were eight planes, believed army trainers, in formation.

Mrs. Bailey said two planes flew past and that a third struck the top of the car, smashing it in. She and her two young daughters were badly frightened but uninjured.

Robinson was getting in touch with army training bases, particularly at Enid, to see if such an accident had been reported by cadets or instructors.

Bennett PTA Has Program

The annual Bennett P. T. A. Christmas program was held Friday night. The group sang "Silent Night," which was followed by the devotional presented by Mrs. Will Weller. The president read letters of thanks from the boys in the service who received presents that the P.T.A. sent.

The teacher, Miss Bertha Walker, was in charge of the following program: Welcome Speech—Evelyn Havan; reading, "Just Before Christmas"—Gerry Buchanan; play, by the school children; piano solo—Isabelle Donahue; recitation, "Too Long a Day"—Effie Moore; play, "Christmas Eve On a Trolley Car"—Jean Campbell; song, "Christmas Bells"—Dorothy Mae Ridenour, Mildred Moore, Doris Christy, June Richerson and Erma Lee Wear; play, by school children; recitation, "This Proves It"—Clayton Egner; recitation, "Voice of Santa Claus"—Charles Leslie Riley; play, "Goodbye, Liza"—recitation, "Too Bad"—Elaine Floyd; recitation by visitors, Mary Ann Donahue and Johnnie Havan; reading, "Tuckling Them In"—Erma Lee Wear; farewell drill, by five children; and song, "Waiting for Santa Claus." August Egner was accompanist.

Santa Claus distributed gifts, after which candy was served to all present.

Program At White School

The annual Christmas program was given at White school Friday afternoon. It consisted of the following numbers presented by the pupils and their teachers, Mrs. William Finley and Miss Columbia Jane Cook: A Welcome, Clifford Jett; Song, "Christmas Bells"; school; Recitation, "Busy"; Marilyn Green; Recitation, "The Tidings"; J. D. Smith; Piano Solo, "Happy Christmas Bells"; Virginia Stuart; Piano Solo, "Silent Night"; Marilyn Green; Piano Solo, "Evening Bells"; Gertrude Rose Green; Piano Solo, "On Roller Skates"; Philip Imhauser, Jr.; Choral Reading, "Santa's Song" and "Little Snow Man"; Violin Solo, "Etta's Waltz"; Matt Green; Play, "Oust-ing Sam Grouch"; Rosal Alice Wood, C. W. Jett, Virginia Stuart, Gertrude Rose Green, Marilyn Green, Matt Green, and Irene Stuart; Exercise, "A Christmas Discussion"; Gertrude R. Green and Philip Imhauser; Reading, "The Night Before Christmas, C. M. Jett; Clarinet Solo, "O Come All Ye Faithful"; Rose Alice Wood; Exercise, "Getting Ready for Christmas"; Rose Alice Wood; C. W. Jett, and Irene Stuart; Song and Drill, "A Shopping We Will Go", four boys and four girls; Recitation, "A Wish for Christmas"; Norman Smith; Selection, "Silent Night"; Reading, "Country Christmas Trees"; Rose A. Wood; Reading, "From S. C. Station"; Irene Stuart; Recitation, "Christmas Stockings"; Gertrude R. Green; Duet, "When Christmas Was New"; Gertrude Green and Irene Stuart; Dialogue, "Christmas Thanks"; Recitation, "Old Santa"; Clifford Jett; and Song, "Waiting for Santa", school.

At the conclusion of the program, pictures were taken of the students and the tree. Santa Claus arrived and distributed gifts.

Extension Club Meeting Friday

The Champion Striped College Extension club met Friday with Mrs. George Dabner, with Miss Doris Dabner, assistant hostess.

After a Christmas dinner, the meeting was called to order, and the devotional was given by Mrs. Charles Leiter. After the brief business session, the meeting was turned over to the program chairman, Mrs. Michaelis and Mrs. J. Thistlewaite, and the game leader, Miss Doris Dabner. The following songs were sung: "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing", "Jingle Bells", a duet, "Joy to the World", by Mrs. J. Thistlewaite and Mrs. Michaelis; and a solo, "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas", by Mrs. Michaelis.

After a game of bingo, presents were exchanged and Secret Pals were revealed.

Guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McKelvey, Mrs. Lily Stevenson, Mrs. Rachel Kieselbach, Mrs. Sara Lambert, and George Dabner.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Ernest Biggs.

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Trade Accord With Mexico

Greater Exchange Of Goods For War Arranged

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24—(P)—

The United States and Mexico— allies in the war against the Axis—signed a reciprocal trade agreement Wednesday sweeping aside long-standing barriers to peace-time commerce and opening the way to a greater wartime exchange of goods.

Secretary of State Hull signed the bulky document with Dr. Francisco Castillo Najera, Mexican Ambassador, bringing the 15th American republic and the 25th nation into the International trade program Hull has advocated.

The United States obtained tariff-reductions on 76 items while the duties on 127 others were frozen at present levels. In return more than 60 items exported to the United States by Mexico are affected by the agreement.

Among the concessions made by Mexico are the binding of the present duty on automobiles, trucks and tractors of which Mexican purchases in 1940 amounted to \$6,988,000; a reduction of 50 percent on the duty on machinery and appliances, of which the United States supplied 70 percent of Mexico's imports in 1940 valued at \$1,895,000; and a 17 percent decrease in the rate on radios and radio equipment, a \$1,482,000 item in this country's 1940 foreign trade.

Other reductions came on: wheat 40 percent; lard 21.7 percent; refrigerators 20 percent.

Many items vital to the war figure in the concessions made by the United States to Mexico and significantly the pact removes all quotas on the importation of crude petroleum and fuel oil at the frozen rate of one-fourth cent per gallon. Previously Mexico's exports of petroleum crude and fuel oil to this country at this rate were limited by quota while all in excess of the quota was subject to one-half cent a gallon duty.

The pact automatically ends similar quota limitations on imports of oil from Venezuela, Colombia, the Netherlands Kingdom and other countries.

Other United States concessions include: lead, 50 percent reduction; zinc 50 percent; tomatoes 50 percent; huaraches or woven sandals 50 percent; removal of quotas on cattle imports; freezing of rates on many other items important in Mexico's export trade.

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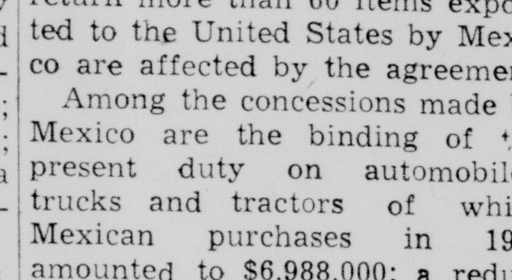
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24—(P)—

Mayors of 150 cities in Missouri have been asked by the Automobile Club to eliminate as many traffic stop signs as would be possible without jeopardizing safety.

In a letter, the club said removal of unnecessary signs would save wear and tear on tires and prevent waste of gasoline.

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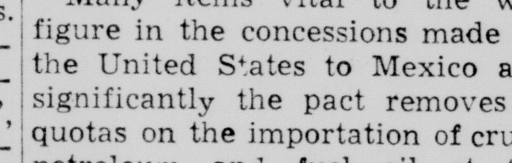
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LONDON, Thursday, Dec. 24—(P)—The London Daily Mail says today in a dispatch dated from "the German frontier" that the gravity of the military position in Russia has brought orders to all German soldiers on leave from Russia to report immediately at Strasbourg military headquarters.

They normally would not have rejoined their units until next month.

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Breach Jap Fortifications

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN Australia, Thursday, Dec. 24—(P)—

Japanese enemy fortifications have been breached in many places in the Buna area of New Guinea by allied troops, General Douglas MacArthur announced today.

"Many hundreds of his (the Japanese) dead are being buried by our troops," the noon communique said.

"His situation must now be regarded as desperate."

The location of the breached fortifications was not stated but recent communique have told of heavy fighting between Buna village and Cape Endaiadere to the east, both places now in allied hands. And other fighting has been reported to the west of Buna with Japs pocketed in the Cape Sanananda sector. It is these points which General MacArthur has reported intricately fortified by the Japs who are understood to be under orders of their emperor to fight to the death.

"Our air units are active in the (Buna) area and northward along the coast," the communique reported.

The bombing and sinking by the Japs of the British corvette, HMS Armidale in recent action near Portuguese Timor was disclosed.

Allied bombers raided the airdrome at Cape Gloucester in New Britain Island and at Jacquinote Bay in the same sector a reconnaissance unit shot down a Jap fighter and damaged two others. Also in that area, allied planes strafed a Jap cargo vessel anchored offshore.

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